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Group 'hangs' Higgins; 'another will die today'

Cleric 'admits role, names kidnappers, details network'

BEIRUT, July 31, (Agencies): Pro-Iranian extremists said they hanged Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins today in retaliation for the Israeli abduction of a Hezbollah spiritual leader, and the group holding another American hostage threatened to kill him tomorrow.

The Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth, an offshoot of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, released a videotape of a man who appeared to be Higgins hanging from a gallows today and said they had killed him at 3 pm.

Several hours later, the Revolutionary Justice Organisation, another offshoot

of Hezbollah, said it would kill American University of Beirut deputy controller Joseph Cicippio tomorrow if Hezbollah leader Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid was not released by Israel.

The threat against Cicippio came in a statement delivered to the office of the independent An-Nahar newspaper accompanied by a colour photograph showing Cicippio bearded and smiling. There was no independent confirmation.

A colour videotape delivered to Western news agencies in Beirut about an

hour after Higgins' reported execution showed a man who appeared to be Higgins hanging from a gallows inside a room. The body was dressed in khaki fatigues and his hands and bare feet were bound.

The 30-second tape included a close-up shot that showed Higgins' face clearly, and a United Press International reporter and other journalists who had seen other photographs and videotapes of Higgins said they were sure the dead man was the US Marine officer.

Higgins' wife, Marine Maj. Robin Higgins, who took administrative leave today from her job as a public affairs officer at the Pentagon, watched the videotape from Lebanon but said she was unable to determine whether it was her husband. She appealed to the captors in Lebanon "to put an end to this needless cycle of violence and victimisation by releasing my husband right now and sending him home."

There had been previous unconfirmed reports that Higgins died during torture shortly after he was kidnapped in February 1988, and the group had threatened to kill Higgins twice before the most recent ultimatum. There was nothing in the videotape released today to show what date it was taken.

A one-page typewritten statement from the Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth said Higgins was executed because "the criminal America did not consider our threats as serious."

"The American spy was hanged at 3 pm ... to make him a lesson," said the statement attached to the videotape. "We reiterate our stand that the Sheikh (Obeid) must be freed along with his two brothers (relatives) because what will happen next will be worse."

"Let America and Israel shoulder the whole responsibility."

In Nicosia, Cyprus, an anonymous caller claiming to speak for the group said the body was dumped behind St. Joseph Hospital in a south Beirut slum and that it had been picked up by Syrian troops.

But an Associated Press reporter who visited the neighbourhood, a Shiite stronghold, said residents all told her they saw no body or unusual activity near the abandoned hospital.

Earlier, Vice Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Israel had to take unusual measures because of the lawlessness in Lebanon.

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Congratulations for Rafsanjani

KUWAIT, July 31, (Reuters): Kuwait congratulated President-elect Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani today on his overwhelming victory in last Friday's election.

"His Excellency Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani on his election as President of the Islamic Republic of Iran," said a terse statement carried by the official Kuwaiti News Agency KUNA.



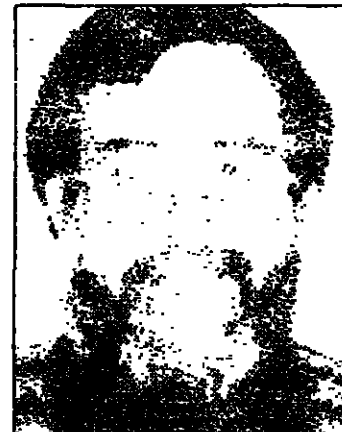
Higgins as he appeared hanged in a videotape issued by his captors. (Reuter wirephoto)



Amal leader Nabih Berri during an interview with Reuters at his office in Damascus in which he said that Israel was massing troops in South Lebanon in preparation for new raid.



Abductors of Higgins, shown in this undated photo, said they had hanged him. The statement said it had executed Higgins because the US and Israel "did not take seriously our decision."



Photograph of American hostage Joseph Cicippio delivered to a newspaper in West Beirut. Abductors of Cicippio said they would kill him if Obeid was not freed on Tuesday, 6:00 pm.

'Doesn't change a thing'

Swap offer stands

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 31, (Reuters): Israel said today it still wanted to exchange prisoners with pro-Iranian militants in Lebanon, despite reports of the killing of US hostage Lieutenant-Colonel William Higgins.

"I doesn't change a thing," Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Army radio.

Twenty minutes after the stated deadline for Higgins' killing, Israel offered to exchange more than 150 pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim prisoners for three Israeli soldiers believed held in Lebanon and other Western hostages.

Shortly afterwards, the pro-Iranian "Organisation of the Oppressed of the World" in Lebanon said it had killed Higgins and issued a videotape showing him hanged.

"We hope it's not true, but basically it is our intention to try to release the foreign hostages, and first and foremost our soldiers held captive there."

Israeli military commentators say they believe Higgins may have been killed a long time ago.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel was ready to hand back all its Shiite prisoners, including leading Shiite cleric Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid.

"According to this proposal, all Israeli prisoners of war and foreign hostages held by the Shiite groups will be exchanged against all Shiite detainees held by Israel," Rabin told reporters in Tel Aviv.

His offer followed days of speculation that Israel seized Obeid to use him as a bargaining chip in a prisoner exchange. Security sources in Lebanon said Obeid was involved in kidnapping Higgins in February 1988.

Security sources say Israel holds dozens of Shiite in Israeli prisons and a further 150 Shiite at a jail in its self-declared security zone in South Lebanon.

"The exchange will be carried out through the International Committee of the Red Cross in accordance with the usual procedures in such cases," Rabin said.

Few left to kill as Beirut dies

BEIRUT, July 31, (Agencies): The coastal highway leading south from the capital was jammed with cars today as thousands more residents fled the city to escape shelling duels that left 14 dead and 110 wounded overnight.

"I'm not going to return unless it's all over this time," said Samiha Rashdan, a Sunni Muslim housewife leaving with her husband and three teen-age sons. "We returned from South Lebanon last week only to get caught in the new mad shelling."

Many of the cars had mattresses, beds and other household goods packed high onto the roof, indicating residents were not planning to return.

Police estimated that only 200,000 of the city's regular 1.5 million inhabitants remained in the city — the rest having fled since the fight between Gen. Michel Aoun's 20,000 mainly Christian troops and the Syrian Army broke out March 8.

The latest casualties brought the toll since then to 516 dead and 2,158 wounded.

Police said the 11-hour overnight battle that rained shells on virtually every neighbourhood of the divided city was one of the worst ever in Lebanon's civil war.

"It looks like both sides are bent on destroying Beirut. This is a scorched earth bombardment rarely matched in previous civil wars rounds," the spokesman said.

The spokesman, who cannot be named under standing regulations, said two hospitals in Christian East Beirut as well as the Turkish embassy and the Belgian ambassador's residence near Aoun's palace took direct hits in the bombardment from 5 pm (1400 GMT) yesterday to 4 am (0100 GMT) today.

Aoun's residence, the presidential palace in suburban Baabda east of Beirut, was battered with sustained barrages from BM-21 multi-barrelled Syrian launchers that fire 40 rockets a minute. But Aoun, 54, who lives in the palace bunker, was not hurt, the police spokesman said.

■ An Arab mediating team formed two months ago to stop fighting in Lebanon said today its efforts had reached a dead end.

Syria buys China M-9

ABU DHABI, July 31, (AP): China is to supply Syria with an unlimited number of 600-kilometre (375-mile) long-range missiles, the newspaper Al Itihad reported today.

Syria signed an agreement with China on May 18 for receiving Chinese-made M-9 surface-to-surface missiles, the United Arab Emirates daily said.

Quoting unidentified American defence specialists, the paper said the deal would provide Damascus with "significant strategic deterrent power and vast destructive potential."

The sources said Syria turned to China following its failure to obtain Soviet-made SS-23 missiles, which have a range of 500 kilometres.

The paper said Syria currently has 36 platforms for Soviet-made SS-21 missiles, with a range of 180 kilometres (112 miles) and 24 platforms for the 300-kilometre (187-mile) SS-20s.

Dutch applaud murder — the world's a stage

THE HAGUE, July 31, (Reuters): A crowd at a Dutch outdoor cafe applauded as they watched a man shoot dead his companion, believing they were watching well-acted theatre — but it was real-life murder.

Police said the two men were walking by the cafe when one man, in a seemingly dramatic gesture, pushed his companion to the ground, pulled out a pistol and shot him five times.

Patrons at the cafe in the Dutch town of Nijmegen applauded what they believed was a

spontaneous piece of street theatre.

Their impression of a play was strengthened when the killer calmly strolled to a nearby telephone to report to police and wait to be arrested.

"Some people sitting at the cafe didn't realise what was happening. They thought it was all an act. But it was a settling of accounts between two men with past criminal records," a police spokesman said.

Police said the man was being questioned in a murder probe.



Marwah Fayoum, 3, cries amid the rubble of her Beirut home, as an old woman sits in shock. Kuwait's Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah on Monday called upon all Lebanese parties to co-operate with the Arab League's tripartite committee entrusted to bring peace to Lebanon.

Speaking to reporters, Sheikh Sabah said that "what is going on in Lebanon is painful to everyone in the Arab world."

He appealed to Lebanese people to observe God for the sake of their country, expressing hope that all would assist the Lebanese to end their tragedy. (Reuter wirephoto)

Iran seeks resumption of ties... 'but the United States is another matter' — Velayati

TEHRAN, July 31, (AP): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati indicated today there will be no dramatic change in the Islamic republic's foreign policy when Iran's new President, Hashemi Rafsanjani, takes over.

Velayati told a news conference Iran would like to resume relations "with all countries with which there is no hurdle in reestablishing ties."

"But the United States is another matter," he said.

"The Americans adopted a hostile policy

towards us from the very beginning, and they have continued this policy," Velayati said.

Rafsanjani, 54, who emerged as Iran's new strongman after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini June 3, won an overwhelming victory in Friday's presidential election, capturing 94.5 per cent of the vote.

Velayati told reporters that Rafsanjani "has said many times before that when the United States abandons hostility towards us and returns our confiscated properties, it will have shown its good will."

Rafsanjani, currently speaker of the 270-member Parliament or Majlis, has said that US expressions of "good will" would lead to better ties and allow Iran to reciprocate by using its influence to free nine US hostages believed held by pro-Iranian extremists in Lebanon.

Velayati said bilateral relations would be the major topic of discussion when Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze arrives in Tehran later today.

Despite its official policy of "neither East nor west," which Velayati said would con-

tinue, Iran's recent confrontations with the West have moved it closer to its northern neighbour, the Soviet Union.

Improvement in Tehran-Moscow ties were highlighted by Rafsanjani's trip to Moscow last month, where he signed a string of agreements totalling \$6 billion, including an arms deal to replenish Iran's depleted military hardware.

But Rafsanjani, is expected gradually to steer the country away from hostility towards the West laid down by Khomeini when he founded the Islamic republic.

Under a new foreign policy approach forged by Rafsanjani, Tehran's ties with the West gradually improved after last August's ceasefire in the eight-year Gulf war.

But Rafsanjani's efforts were ended by Khomeini's Feb 14 death decree against the Indian-born British writer, Salman Rushdie.

Khomeini said in his "fatwa" or religious decree that Rushdie should be sought out and killed for blaspheming Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses."

European Economic Community mem-

bers, plus Sweden and Canada called home their ambassadors in protest to the death threat, and Tehran reacted in kind by withdrawing its envoys from the 14 countries.

Velayati told reporters that resuming ties with Britain is possible only within the framework of a law, passed by the Iranian Parliament last February.

Velayati said he also would discuss with Shevardnadze implementation of UN Resolution 598 to bring lasting peace between Iran and Iraq after a ceasefire last Aug 20 in the Gulf war.

'Grim' Bush shocked

Crisis team scheduled

WASHINGTON, July 31, (Reuters): President George Bush returned to the White House today for a crisis meeting with top advisers on the reported killing of US hostage William Higgins in Lebanon, saying the incident had "shocked the American people to the core."

"There is no way that I can properly express the outrage that I feel. Somehow there has got to be a return to decency and honour even in matters of this nature," the President told reporters after cutting short a visit to the Midwest in order to deal with the crisis.

Bush, his face grim and drawn, said he would convene a 5:30 pm (2130 GMT) meeting of national security advisers for briefing on the situation.

"It is a most troubling and disturbing matter that has shocked the American people right to the core," he said.

He said there was still no final confirmation that Higgins, a Marine lieutenant colonel, had been hanged by the pro-Iranian "Organisation of the Oppressed of the World."

Bush said he had telephoned Higgins' wife, Robin, a major in the Marine corps, from Air Force One, the presidential plane. He called her a "wonderfully stoic individual who is going through sheer hell."

He said that about an hour earlier he also called UN Secretary-General Javier Perez De Cuellar on his plane while en route to Washington and that at the time Perez De Cuellar was

Anguished family waits

NEW YORK, July 31, (AP): Relatives of Lt. Col. William Higgins reacted with shock, anger and disbelief today after pro-Iranian Shiite Muslims announced the Marine had been hanged.

In Lancaster, Kentucky, where Higgins spent summers as a youth, his aunt, Leona Huffman, said she saw TV reports of the purported killing, but after 1 1/2 years of uncertainty about her nephew's fate, she remained sceptical.

"I'm just not going to believe anything until I hear direct," said Mrs Huffman, sister of Higgins' late mother, Ethel.

Mrs Huffman blamed the kidnappers for the death in February of her brother, a retired judge.

"Unless you would go through something like this, you'd have no idea what this has been to us," she said. "My brother that worshipped this child — I think what killed him ... was grief."

Higgins' sister Mary Fisher said the US State Department had called her in the Louisville, Kentucky, suburb of Okolona. "I will not reveal what they said," and Ms Fisher said. "Right now, I'm in a state of shock. I just don't know."

Linda Lee Miller, another of Higgins' sisters who lives in the Memphis, Tennessee, suburb of Bartlett, said she would have a statement later in the day.

In Knoxville, Tennessee, Leonard Smith, a cousin of Higgins, said of the report, "that's just appalling."

Yellow ribbons still fluttered from trees, doors, churches and schools around Lancaster today — the town's continuing sign of sympathy for the hostage and his family.

still hoping Higgins had not been killed.

US Secretary of State James Baker III called the reported killing "outrageous and uncivilized behaviour," but added he "not in a position to confirm the accuracy of the report."

In Washington, State Department officials speaking on condition of anonymity described as credible news reports that the victim in the

videotape was Higgins. They were unable to say, however, whether the taping was done this morning or earlier.

The French Foreign Ministry issued a brief statement in Paris saying, "if it is true, the news of the murder of Col. Higgins can only inspire a sentiment of horror."

In Amman, Jordan's Information Minister Nasouh Majali said, "this is horrible ... (it) is part of the vicious cycles in Lebanon."

Group 'hangs' Higgins

Profile

WASHINGTON, July 31, (UPI): Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins was head of a UN truce-monitoring force in Lebanon when he was taken hostage on Feb. 17, 1988.

The decorated Vietnam veteran was snatched from one of two UN vehicles on a coastal road near the port city of Tyre, 45 miles (72 km) south of Beirut, en route to the town of Naqura, near the Israeli frontier.

The following day, an anonymous telephone caller purporting to speak for the previously unknown Islamic Revolutionary Brigades claimed responsibility for kidnapping Higgins and accused Higgins of being a CIA agent.

"William Higgins has become one of the hostages," the caller said in a telephone call to the office of a Western news agency in West Beirut. "He will not be released before trying him on grounds that he is one of the CIA directors in southern Lebanon."

The Defence Department said Higgins had been assigned to the Pentagon for two years ending in June 1987 where he worked as an administrative assistant to Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

A Defence Department spokesman said Higgins was "absolutely not" an intelligence officer.

The Washington Post said at the time of his abduction that Higgins may have attracted attention to himself by telling many people that he had worked for Weinberger. The newspaper, quoting sources close to the UN Truce Supervision Organisation, or UNTSO, said Higgins presented himself as a "sort of super envoy, as Cap Weinberger's envoy."

UNTSO oversees the 1949 armistice between Israel and Lebanon in southern Lebanon.

On Feb. 22, the Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth released a videotape of Higgins reading the group's demands for his release. The group, an offshoot of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, had threatened to kill Higgins twice before the most recent ultimatum.

Higgins was among 17 foreign hostages held in Lebanon, including nine Americans. He was the first American serviceman abducted there.

Shiite Muslim Amal sources accused a powerful Hezbollah cleric, Abbas Al Musawi, of ordering the abduction. The Hezbollah is linked to the Islamic Jihad Organisation that had claimed responsibility for the abductions of three Americans and four French nationals.

The Tyre region is controlled by the Hezbollah and the Shiite Amal militia. Sources within the UN



The pro-Iranian group holding US Lt. Col. William Higgins, shown in undated file photo, said in a statement it had hanged him and issued a videotape showing him dead. (Reuter wirephoto)

Interim Force in Lebanon said UN troops and Amal considered the kidnapping a direct challenge to their authority in southern Lebanon.

A Shiite Amal field leader in Tyre said Nabih Berri, leader of the militia group, gave "strict orders" to find Higgins. "Our chief told us not to sleep before discovering the hideout of the American," he said.

Hezbollah had accused UN peace-keeping troops in the region of collaborating with Israel and of disrupting commando attacks across southern Lebanon. In September 1986, four French UN troops were killed in attacks by pro-Iranian extremists within a few days.

Higgins arrived in Lebanon in June 1987 and in January 1988 became the head of the 75-member

UNTOS. On the day of his abduction, he had left an afternoon meeting with an Amal political leader in Tyre and was wearing his American uniform with a blue UN beret. He was unarmed in accordance with a UNTSO regulation.

Three UNTSO members in a car driving ahead of Higgins realised he was missing when they lost eye contact with his jeep. Wagoner after rounding a curve in the road. Higgins' vehicle was found abandoned about 4 miles (6.5 km) south of Tyre.

Lebanese sources said gunmen pulled Higgins from his jeep, pushed him into a car, sped off to a mountainous region southeast of Tyre, then switched cars near the village of Qana.

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Cicippio, 56, the American University of Beirut's deputy comptroller, was kidnapped Sept. 12, 1986. The Revolutionary Justice Organisation also claims to hold another American hostage, Edward Tracy, 55, who was abducted Oct. 21, 1986.

The threat by Cicippio's captors said the Revolutionary Justice Organisation "intends to carry out a rapid and just execution" if Israel does not release Obeid, but said a deadline for the killing would not be set until 6 pm (11 am EDT).

"We will set ultimatum to carry out the death sentence at six pm tomorrow if the Sheikh is not released before that time, and the world will watch the execution clearly," the statement said.

The Israeli military command said today that Obeid confessed to personal involvement in planning, guiding and aiding the kidnapping of Higgins.

The Army said Obeid has revealed the names of Higgins' captors.

"From first evidence from a continuing investigation of Obeid and according to his confessions in the investigation," an Army spokesman said, "it was revealed that the Sheikh was personally involved in planning and guiding and aiding the following terrorist acts: The kidnapping of two Israeli Army soldiers, Ruchamim Alsheikh and Yosef Fink in February 1986; carrying out terror acts against Israeli forces; and the kidnapping of Col Higgins and his transfer to Beirut and the hiding of his kidnappers in his home in Jibshi."

The spokesman, who demanded anonymity in keeping with standing regulations, added that during the investigation, Obeid "revealed the names of the kidnappers and more details on the terrorist acts of the Hezbollah organisation and its connection with Iran. The investigation continues."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's spokesman Avi Pazner said Israel was still awaiting confirmation of the death of Higgins.

He declined comment on threats made by Shiite Muslim groups in Beirut and in a phone call to Cyprus to kill another US hostage, Joseph Cicippio, and the British Anglican church envoy Terry Waite.

Pazner said the killing of Higgins would be "an odious and criminal act." But he suggested in a telephone interview that if Higgins was dead he may have been killed much earlier than claimed.

"We have to be very cautious with a possible reaction because you remember a year ago the same organisation claimed they executed Col Higgins after the accidental shooting down of an Iranian airplane by the US Navy."

In Washington Senate minority leader Robert Dole strongly criticised Israel for abducting Obeid, saying it had endangered the lives of the American hostages.

Western Europe swiftly joined President George Bush today in expressing shock and horror at the reported hanging of Higgins, condemning it as cold-blooded murder arising from brazen savagery.

British Foreign Secretary John Major said: "We do not yet really know what has happened. Nor is it clear if Colonel Higgins is indeed dead."

West Germany called the killing a heinous crime.

Belgium coupled condemnation with a plea for the release of foreign hostages held in Lebanon.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze flew to Tehran from Paris today to meet Iranian leaders, the official Tass news agency said today.

But sources at Orly airport outside Paris said the pilot of Shevardnadze's special Aeroflot plane filed a flight plan to Moscow with the air traffic control tower before taking off at 3:15 pm (1315 GMT).

The airport sources speculated that Shevardnadze may have cancelled his trip to Tehran at the last minute because of the reported hanging of US Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins in Lebanon by pro-Iranian extremists.

Iran said today it condemned kidnappings and death threats and had nothing to do with a threat to kill American hostage Higgins.

"We have nothing to do with the threat against Higgins, but we condemn any sort of kidnapping and threat of killing," Tehran Radio quoted Velayati as saying.

Iranian Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi urged Lebanese Muslim militiamen today to step up attacks on US and Israeli interests.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was outraged today at claims by Lebanese kidnappers that they hanged Higgins, a UN peacekeeper, a spokesman said.

40 killed in crossfire

Indian troops, Tamils in gunbattle

COLOMBO, July 31, (Agencies): Indian troops killed 33 Tamil guerrillas who attacked an Indian military camp in northwest Sri Lanka, officials said today.

Indian High Commission (embassy) officials said three soldiers were killed and four civilians died in crossfire during the seven-hour gunbattle yesterday at Adampan in Mannar district.

The battle with Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam rebels took place a day after the token withdrawal of 600 of the 45,000 Indian soldiers on the island.

A spokesman for the Tigers rejected the large casualty figure.

Officials said about 150 guerrillas attacked the camp from the compound of a nearby abandoned church last night.



Jesus Umali, a suspected communist rebel is consoled by his wife after he was wounded in a gunbattle with police in Manila today. (Reuter wirephoto)

3 die in shootout

MANILA, Philippines, July 31, (AP): Three suspected communist rebels were killed today in a shootout with police, and a major Roman Catholic group appealed to the government and the insurgents to resume peace talks without conditions.

The shootout erupted when suspected New People's Army guerrillas opened fire on Capt. Gaudencio Cordora, an intelligence officer, as he drove to work in suburban Pasay City, said investigator Armando Aprid.

Cordora was wounded in the arm. His two bodyguards, following in another car, returned fire at the gunmen, killing three assailants and wounding a fourth, who was arrested, Aprid said.

Urban guerrillas have killed more than 60 policemen and soldiers in the capital this year, police say. The rebels have been fighting for 20 years to establish a Marxist state.

Also today, the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines, an organisation of liberal Catholic clerics, urged the two sides to "enter into a

ceasefire immediately" and agree to "new talks to arrive at a peaceful solution to the war without conditions."

There was no immediate response from either the government or the rebels.

Last week, the rebel National Democratic Front offered new peace talks if President Corason Aquino agrees to close the six US military bases here in 1991.

Mrs Aquino has refused to resume peace talks, which broke down in January 1987, until the rebels lay down their arms.

Yesterday, the rebels said two of their captured leaders had been trying to arrange talks but their arrest last week "destroys any opportunity for peace."

Satur Ocampo, suspected chairman of the National Democratic Front, and his common-law wife, Carolina "Bobbie" Malay, were captured Thursday while driving along a residential street in suburban Makati.

Today, a civilian prosecutor in Makati filed charges of illegal weapons possession in connection with "with sedition and rebellion" against the pair.

Home-coming

The crippled oil tanker Exxon Valdez is escorted into San Diego Bay on Sunday by a flotilla of environmentalists after the tanker finally received permission to enter state waters for a \$25 million repair.

The damaged tanker came in slowly under its own power into San Diego harbour and carefully docked at the National Steel and Shipbuilding Co. on a clear, bright morning that marked the end of a bizarre odyssey.

"When the ship went out in 1986, it was freshly painted and equipped with modern technology. Now it's coming home a wounded goose, but at least it's coming home," said Nassco spokesman Peter Zachesche.

The ship was identified tentatively as a jackup rig, a floating platform that can move from one position to another like a barge, then raise itself for drilling operations by extending legs to the seabed.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Airplanes collide

ALLENTOWN, Pennsylvania, July 31, (AP): Two small airplanes collided in flight and seven people were killed moments after one of the planes had dropped skydivers at an airport festival, authorities said. One person on the ground was injured.

"It was like a loud car collision - metal to metal," said Gary Wertman, 45, of Allentown, who was working at a nearby shopping mall. "I looked out the window and I could see the tail section hit the ground."

He said one plane landed at the edge of the mall's parking lot, about 1,000 feet (300 metres) away, he said.

Strong wind

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 31, (UPI): At least 13 people were killed and 150 others injured yesterday when hurricane-force winds knocked down the walls of a clubhouse where about 250 people were watching a fashion show, officials said.

"Unfortunately the number of dead could go up because we have many people in grave condition," said Manoel Camara, mayor of the city of Ivinhema, 1,740 miles (2,800 km) southeast of Rio De Janeiro, where the disaster occurred.

Camara said some 250 people were in the clubhouse watching a fashion show when a strong wind gust caused part of the building to collapse.

Traffic accidents

PARIS, July 31 (KUNA): An estimated 80 persons were killed and some 1,069 others injured in car accidents over the last three days due to the rush on French roads with July holidaymakers returning home and the August ones leaving, according to preliminary figures given by the police.

On Friday, the first day of the exodus, the police said that it had registered 199 accidents in which 23 persons were killed and 290 others were injured.

The numbers went on increasing over the week-end to reach a total of 666 accidents over the last three days, they added.

Appeal to thieves

LUZERN, Switzerland, July 31, (UPI): Irish flaunting James Galway appealed to thieves today to return five gold-plated and diamond-studded flutes worth \$246,000 had stolen at Lucerne railroad station.

Galway said in a public statement that the flutes would fetch only a fraction of their value as they would be recognised at once by experts.

He had just returned from London with his American wife Jeanne and their children and had placed them with the flutes along with his Lajpat computer was on a baggage claim cart.

"We turned away for a minute and the cart was gone," said Jeanne Galway, of New York and also a concert flautist.

In high spirits

ST. PAUL, Minnesota, July 31, (UPI): The members of Will Steger's trans-Antarctica expedition are in high spirits but are not yet making good time on the Antarctic ice, a spokeswoman said yesterday.

Cathy Demoll, administrator of the expedition, said the crew began its trek across the bottom of the world Thursday. The men covered 5 miles (8 km) Friday and 10 miles (16 km) Saturday when they reached their first foot cache.

However, Steger has said they need to maintain a 20-to-30-mile-a-day (32-to-48-km-a-day) pace if they are going to cross 4,000 miles (6,400 km) of the continent in seven months.

However, the relatively slow pace of the first few days is not considered a problem, since the team will be accompanied by a French film crew.

Demoll said the crew made radio contact yesterday with members of their support crew at an Antarctic research base.

Cowboy killed

CHEYENNE, Wyoming, July 31, (AP): A world champion rodeo rider was shot to death by a charging bull that rammed him after he had turned his back.

Lane Frost, 25, of Quinlan, Texas, died yesterday from a ruptured blood vessel he suffered when his ribs were broken in the attack, said Laramie County coroner Roger Radomsky.

"Frost was a favourite with cowboy spectators and the media," said a news release from the Cheyenne Frontier Days Event.

Spectators said Frost, the 1987 world champion bull rider, was thrown clear from the bull called K. Walsh, but the animal charged him as he walked away.

Marine life

RIMINI, Italy, July 31, (Reuter): Hundreds of boats piled Italy's Adriatic coast yesterday in a fresh attempt to combat a plague of silvery algae which is slowly killing marine life.

Thousands of holidaymakers have cancelled bookings, because of the slime which carpets the sea and has been washed up on beaches along a 200-km (125-mile) stretch of the coast.

From Venice to the port of Ancona, a flotilla of fishing, naval and pleasure craft used propeller and pumps or trawled rubber tyres and ballast to disperse the algae and force oxygen downriver.

Teenagers detained

BARCELONA, Spain, July 31, (Reuter): Police arrested two teenagers yesterday on suspicion of the slaying of a Barcelona child.

A police spokesman said officers surprised an 18-year-old Spaniard and his Finnish girlfriend asked on the altar during a Sunday afternoon fall between services.

A magistrate is considering whether to charge the couple, now in police custody, with slaying the 15-year-old girl.

Police went to the church following a telephone tip-off.



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Hospitals in US face desperate financial crisis: study

WASHINGTON, July 31, (UPI): Hospitals in the United States are in such "desperate" financial straits that an estimated 2,700 of them will probably close their doors by the year 2000, a new study predicts.

The National Association for Hospital Development, in a study released, predicted that some 40 per cent of all existing hospitals will close or convert to other purposes — for example, psychiatric institutions or drug abuse centres — in the next 11 years.

The number of hospitals in the United States will drop from 6,800 to 4,100 by the end of the century, the hospital trade association said.

"The financial situation is desperate for most American hospitals," said Dr William McGinly, president of the NAHD. "Right now, more than 50 per cent of the hospitals in the United States are not covering expenses."

The association, which conducted an 18-month

study of its 2,350 member hospitals, listed a number of factors that have pushed so many hospitals to such a critical financial plight. Among them: hospital costs are growing more rapidly than Medicare and Medicaid payments, which accounts for 50 per cent of their income.

From 1983 to 1989, federal government payments to hospitals increased only 13.1 per cent while hospital costs increased 28 per cent.

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INTERNATIONAL

Ignoring jeers, Utah supports fusion research

SALT LAKE CITY, July 31, (AP): Cold fusion researcher Stanley Pons has given up trying to convince critics that he and colleague Martin Fleischmann may have unlocked the power of the sun in a laboratory beaker.

But if many physicists have ridiculed the notion of table-top, room-temperature fusion, it's become a boom industry in Utah, where the two chemists enjoy strong support.

Pons' University of Utah has leased a research centre and a Utah Congressman is preparing a bill to create a national centre here. A private group of boosters has been created to help Pons and Fleischmann win over non-believers.

Pons said months of stinging criticism have taken their toll, leaving him frustrated and weary of meeting with sceptical and sometimes hostile colleagues. "It's a bit depressing, to say the least," he said last week. "They're saying it can't be done, but they can't explain our results."

Pons may have given up on the critics, but neither he nor the university is about to give up on cold fusion.

Boostered by \$4.5 million in state funds, the university has signed a lease for an off-campus fusion research centre, and Pons and Fleischmann are writing a new paper expanding the theory behind their experiments.

"When you know you're right it's a lot easier to move ahead. We know the science is there," said James Brophy, the university's vice-president for research. "With this beginning of seed money and with corporate support, we'll define what the possibilities are."

Brophy said negotiations are under way with General Electric, which has agreed to collaborate with the two scientists. He would not provide further details.

Governor Norm Bangerter, the state legislature and the congressional delegation are firmly behind Pons and Fleischmann, of Britain's University of

Southampton. A bill by Congressman Wayne Owens would create a national fusion research centre at the university, which is in his district. The bill's chances were hurt by a July 12 report by the US Energy Department's energy research advisory board, which concluded there was no convincing evidence that cold fusion works.

Pons and Fleischmann started scientists with their March 23 announcement that they had sustained a fusion reaction by running an electrical current between electrodes of palladium and platinum immersed in heavy water, so called because instead of normal hydrogen it contains the heavier isotope deuterium.

Princess is fit for a king

Skipper can't complain

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, July 31, (UPI): The man who captains Donald Trump's luxury yacht walks around the five-story, plushly carpeted Trump Princess in bare feet.

Well, not always and certainly not when the boss is on board — which, by the way, is not often, because Trump is profoundly more interested in buying and selling hotels, casinos and airlines than he is in yachting.

But on a recent rainy day, when the boat-to-top-all-boats was docked in its showcase berth in the bay next to Trump Castle Hotel Casino, a casually attired Capt. Richard Cuckson could be found in shorts and sans shoes.

Crisp white shorts, to be sure, with a matching captain-style shirt, like the outfit the television Loveboat's captain wore in tropical ports of call.

This is the skipper Trump purchased along with the 285-foot Nabila, now the Princess, from the Sultan of Brunei. The sultan won the palatial ship from jet-set-cum-arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi when he defaulted on a \$60 million loan.

Package deal

Trump decided to hire Cuckson, 42, and his 35-member international crew when he bought the Nabila, in a package deal of sorts almost two years ago.

Now the jolly Brit — who joined England's Merchant Marine at 16, bought his own yacht at 21 and spent eight "idyllic" years chartering tourists in the Caribbean before becoming a "paid" captain for other yacht owners — spends much of his time ferrying Trump's specially selected high rollers on afternoon jaunts.

"They give them champagne and try to get them back to the casino as soon as possible," Cuckson said with a hearty laugh. "You better not write that."

Surely Cuckson must long for those days as a carefree young merchant mariner, traveling to exotic ports, or being skipper of his own ship, and destiny, in the aquamarine waters of the Caribbean.

Not to mention those exciting days of the Nabila when the King of Spain, Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier and Elizabeth Taylor were common visitors. "I'm not complaining," Cuckson said. "Sitting here in Atlantic City on a rainy day doesn't happen 365 days a year."

"This winter we're going to Japan," said the ruddy captain with the salt-and-pepper hair. "There's a good chance the boat will be in Tahiti for Christmas and the Galapagos Islands for Thanksgiving. And then we're going down to Sydney in February and Singapore in March."

That is, if the ship gets all the

necessary approvals for a tour to promote — who else? — Trump, and his New York hotels and Atlantic City casinos.

And when he's not preparing for that, Cuckson may be piloting the yacht, complete with swimming pool, helicopter pad, elevators and more extravaganzas than the mind can imagine — how do elephant skin walls, gold sinks and lapis lazuli towel racks grab you? — to various ports to serve as a floating hotel for the Trump family.

No one knows exactly how much it cost to build the Princess, because the Italian shipyard that contracted to create the ship underbid the project and went bankrupt when the craft was only two-thirds complete.

To stave off nasty public relations about the abilities of Italian shipbuilding, that country's government finished the project.

Cuckson believes the original bid was \$50 million, although the final cost soared much higher. Trump sent the Princess to Holland for an \$8 million refurbishing when he purchased the ship.

The Nabila was built as a family ship. While it has five bedrooms for Khashoggi's family, it contains only one guest room — but it does have a movie theatre.

The Khashoggi brood spent six to seven months on board the Nabila said Cuckson, displaying a slight twinge of sadness that the boat is now more of a showpiece than the vibrant family centre it once was.

"We had five kids with all their friends hurtling around the corridors putting their greasy fingers all over the place," Cuckson said. "You had to live with it, then you'd clean it up in the winter time. It's like anybody's own home."

Admired

"It's a place to be admired. We now spend more time keeping it in tip-top condition."

Trump has an eye for detail, Cuckson said, which means he is playing a major role in the creation of his new yacht, which will be bigger and more luxurious than the Princess.

"He's the most exacting man I've ever met. I think, for detail," Cuckson said. He has an eye for detail. He's more like a jeweller than a powerful businessman in some respects.

"He wants to know everything, he wants to understand it and he also wants to comment on it," Cuckson said.

The new boat, which is still on the drawing board, will be 420 feet long, weigh 5,000 tons, or 2-1/2 times as much as the Princess, and measure 56 feet in width, 14 feet wider than the Princess.

Cuckson said if you're to be a yachtsman, you might as well work on the best that's afloat.

Narcotics, crime linked

Suspects use illegal drugs

WASHINGTON, July 31, (UPI): A large majority of suspects arrested in 14 major cities across the United States during the last three months of 1988 tested positive for at least one of 10 illegal drugs, the National Institute of Justice says.

Most of the men tested for drug use were arrested for felony offences other than the sale or possession of drugs, the institute said in a study released yesterday. The institute is the principal criminal justice research branch within the Justice Department.

Institute director James Stewart said the study found that among those arrested, women tested positive for illicit drugs at about the same rates as did men at all test sites.

"In fact," Stewart said, "in some cities the percentage of females who tested positive for cocaine was higher than it was for men. For many years, it had been thought that males were more likely to be illicit drug users."

Slightly more than half the men charged with homicide tested positive for an illicit drug, the institute said, while almost three-fourths of the males arrested for robbery in 13 cities tested positive for one or more drugs.

"The meaning of this study is twofold," Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said. "There should be no longer any question as to how much of a catalyst for crime the lust for illegal drugs has become in America today. Drug users and traffickers will beat, rob and kill anyone for drugs and profits."

"Second, even though arrests

and convictions for drug crimes have increased to record levels, it is equally clear that law enforcement alone will never win the war on drugs," he said.

Data for the study was derived from anonymous and voluntary urine specimens and interviews of samples of people arrested for serious crimes, the institute said. The tests looked for recent use of cocaine, marijuana, opiates, angel dust, amphetamines, darvon, valium, methaqualone, methadone and barbiturates.

Of the 14 cities, the percentage of arrested males who tested positive for any of the 10 drugs was as follows:

Philadelphia, 82 per cent, San Diego, 80 per cent, New York and Chicago, 78 per cent, Detroit, 69 per cent, Cleveland, 68 per cent, Dallas and Phoenix, 57 per cent, St. Louis, 56 per cent, and Kansas City, 54 per cent.

In the District of Columbia, 68 per cent of those arrested tested positive for drug use but the DC Pretrial Service Agency did not test for marijuana during the fourth quarter of 1988, the institute said.

Although the majority of those arrested were using drugs, they did not report the need for treatment, the institute said, adding that only about one quarter said they were in current need of drug or alcohol abuse treatment.

"This suggests the need for improved supervision, monitoring, or court-mandated requirements for arrestees to stay off drugs and get treatment," Stewart said.

Cruise ship to the rescue

Woman adrift, survives

NEW YORK, July 31, (UPI): A novice sailor who survived 14 days adrift in a dinghy, including four days alone after her companion became despondent and swam away from the life raft, was taken aboard a cruise ship and headed toward Bermuda today, the coast guard said.

Janet Culver, 48, of Passaic, New Jersey, was suffering from exposure and sunburn when she was rescued yesterday morning by the US research vessel Jeronimo, about 450 miles southeast of New York, Coast Guard petty officer Jeff Crawley said.

She was without food or water when rescued, the Coast guard said.

Culver was transferred to the cruise ship Royal Viking Star yesterday afternoon for treatment by ship's doctors

and was due into Bermuda with the cruise ship today, the coast guard said.

Culver, a legal secretary, had been aboard the four-person inflatable dinghy since July 16, when she and a companion were forced to abandon the sinking 37-foot sailboat Anautis, Crawley said.

Abbott, 50, of New York, was an experienced sailor who made a living in part by ferrying boats. Culver told the coast guard that he was last seen July 26 swimming around in the dinghy without a life jacket, Crawley said.

"He seemed despondent and very fatigued, according to Ms Culver," coast guard chief warrant officer John Hollis told the record of Hackensack, New Jersey.



Fire-fighter Ramon Tapia turns his face away to protect himself from the intense heat generated by a wall of flames as fire sweeps through trees near Meadow Lake, California Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)



Brothers Ryan and David Thompson sift through the remains of a neighbour's house Sunday after it was destroyed by a forest fire near New Aubrey, California. About a dozen homes and other large structures were destroyed. (Reuters wirephoto)

36,000 acres in flames

FRESNO, California, July 31, (Reuters): Ten thousand fire-fighters aided by gangs of prisoners yesterday fought brush fires in four western US states that have driven 2,500 people from their homes.

With the United States in its annual forest fire season, fires were burning across at least 36,000 acres (14,000 hectares) in California, Oregon, Idaho and Washington states.

Some 2,500 people have been evacuated from their homes in the Sierra Nevada foothills of central California, where 7,000 acres (3,000 hectares) of forest and brushland are burning.

"The fire nearly came down," said Melissa Roberts, who had ridden a horse to safety. "It was scary and the horse reared up, but we got through."

William Bruno of the California State Department of Forestry said the fire there was believed to have been started by an arsonist. He said hot winds, temperatures of up to 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Centigrade) and dryness had created conditions far worse than usual.

5 on trial in Kenya in murder of tourist

NAIROBI, July 31, (Reuters): Five people went on trial today for the murder of a Danish tourist, but diplomats warn the country may be losing control of its game parks to heavily armed outlaws who will as soon shoot tourists as elephants.

Danie Pelle Palm was killed last November with a bow and arrow before his horrified wife and children. The trial of four men and a woman which opened today was one of the few cases to come to court in recent years.

President Daniel Arap Moi sought to reassure tourists yesterday telling them they should feel free to visit any part of the country.

But only last week an American woman was shot dead by robbers armed with machine-guns when they raided a tour group in the popular Tsavo National Park. It was the fifth such shooting in July.

Two French tourists were shot dead in Meru Game Park, in north-central Kenya. A Belgian man was shot dead, his wife and children watching, when armed men stole his car near the Indian Ocean coast. An American nun died in a raid on her isolated mission in eastern Kenya.

"It seems as if there's another shooting every week now," said one Nairobi-based diplomat. "There is a lot of weaponry out there. The government has got to be worried," he added.

The preferred weapon for Kenyan outlaws, whether after ivory or tourists, is the Soviet-made AK-47 automatic rifle.

Diplomats and travel agents say Kenya's tourist industry — its biggest hard currency earner, catering to 735,000 visitors a year — is at risk if the killing continues. Tour firms worry about Kenya's reputation for protecting tourists.

Abrantes, 4 others detained in Cuba

HAVANA, July 31, (Reuters): Former Cuban Interior Minister General Jose Abrantes and three other former ministry chiefs have been arrested in a continuing crackdown on corruption, the official newspaper Granma reported today.

Another government official who headed an enterprise that dealt in hard currency with close links to the Interior Ministry was also arrested, Granma said.

The front-page announcement also named five brigadier generals who had been demoted to colonel and retired as part of a thorough investigation and shakeup at the ministry.

Abrantes, a member of the central committee of the Communist Party, was dismissed as minister on June 28 and replaced by armed forces general Abelardo Colome Ibarra.

His dismissal came after the arrest on June 12 of a 14 Army and intelligence officers on drug trafficking charges. Twelve were members of the Interior Ministry.

Only July 14 four former officers, including top Army General Arnaldo Ochoa, were executed following their conviction. Two of the executed men were officers of the Interior Ministry and 10 others were given long prison terms.

The drug and corruption scandal was the most embarrassing chapter in President Fidel Castro's 30-year rule.

At a meeting of the governing Cuban council of state in mid-July, armed forces minister General Raul Castro said that there would be a continuing investigation to root out corruption on all levels.

A week ago Granma said former Transport Minister Diocles Torralbas was convicted on corruption charges and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Monday's Granma article contained a list of illegal practices at the Interior Ministry during the period in which Abrantes headed the organisation.

Among them were "negligence in the fulfilment of duty, corruption or tolerance with corrupt behaviour, illegal use of resources and the illegal use of state funds for non-essential purposes."

According to government officials, some officers of the Interior Ministry used government funds and resources to furnish their homes, for their recreational needs and for gifts bought in hard currency for friends and relatives.

Dollars and other hard currency can be used in Cuba to buy products in special stores for foreigners which are off limits to the average Cuban.

Also mentioned were "the concealing of information of interest to the state, the creation of non-authorized business enterprises in the sphere of foreign trade as well as weaknesses and favouritism which allowed for the serious problems of the Interior Ministry."

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Anything for a laugh

American actor Jerry Lewis puts a glass in his mouth during a press conference on Sunday in Barcelona, Spain. Besides clowning around, Lewis also gave

details of a performance he will give on Tuesday in Gerona. (Reuters wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

PHILADELPHIA: The Rolling Stones have found a place to play in Philadelphia after all. The band was forced to cancel a Sept 21 show in JFK Stadium after mayor Wilson Goode ordered the rickety facility closed because it's unsafe. After some schedule juggling, an agreement was worked out to put the Stones in larger Veterans stadium, the same venue where they opened their 1981 tour, sometime in August. There will be a news conference in Philadelphia to announce the specific date of the show. The Stones originally had planned to open the Steel Wheels tour in Buffalo, New York, on Sept 1. (UPI)

LAS VEGAS: Rodney Dangerfield can't expect any respect from the musicians' union in Las Vegas. Dangerfield will open at Bally's tomorrow despite a strike by musicians angry about showrooms relying on taped music rather than live performers. Comedian Francis also will be going ahead with her six-day stand at Bally's and the hotel-casino is in the process of finding her a non-union band to replace the strikers. The union went on strike Thursday, prompting singer Dean Martin to cancel his opening night in the celebrity room. (UPI)

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico: Relatives of two New Mexico youths who vanished last year say they're pretty sure their children were shown gagged in a mysterious photograph that appeared on national television last week.

The "Tabloid" television news show "A Current Affair" broadcast Friday in New Mexico that the missing youths are still alive, perhaps in captivity in Florida.

Tara was 19 when she disappeared in September while bicycling on a country road near Belen, about 30 miles (48 kilometres) south of Albuquerque in Central New Mexico. Michael Henley Jr. was 10 when he disappeared on a camping trip with his father in the Zuni Mountains south of Grants, about 70 miles (113 kilometres) west of Albuquerque in April 1988.

The picture shows a young woman and boy with gagged tapes across their mouths, lying with their arms behind them. They are shown in a white van, Sheriff Ed Craig said yesterday.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI: The French translation of an unproduced screenplay, The de Gaulle Story, written by William Faulkner will be published in September in France.

The French volume is a translation of the English edition of Faulkner's script that was published by the University Press of Mississippi in 1984 and was edited by Faulkner collector L.D. Brodsky and southeast Missouri State English professor Robert Hamblin.

The French edition of "The de Gaulle Story," written by Faulkner for Warner Bros. Pictures in 1942 will be issued by editions Gallimard of Paris.

"The de Gaulle Story" dramatizes the heroic struggle of General Charles de Gaulle and the French underground against the Nazi occupation of France during the early years of World War II, Hamblin said. (UPI)

Kings drove chariots but Ptah drives a Honda

PALO ALTO, California, July 31, (AP): A maker of dentures who fancies himself an ancient Egyptian god is running for city council of this inland community with a proposal to dig a tunnel to the coast that would double as a shelter for the homeless.

More than 20 miles (32 kilometres) separate Palo Alto from the Pacific Ocean, but anything is possible for Ronald Francis Bennett.

"I am Ptah," he said. "I am god." Bennett, a 51-year-old with frizzy grey hair,

bare feet, and licence plates "I am Ptah," wasn't always a god.

He started life in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania then moved to San Francisco and dropped out of high school at 16. After serving two years in the US Navy, he started dental prosthetics labs, married and had a daughter, divorced and remarried and coached a youth soccer team.

Ten years ago, he was gazing at a book about Tutankhamen's tomb when a picture of

Ptah, the deity of artists and craftsmen, leaped out of him.

"He looked like me," Bennett said. "I thought, gee, I've never had a god."

Egyptian kings drove chariots, but Ptah drives a Honda. His driver's licence identifies him as a Ptah X Siki R.F. Bennett; he's listed in the telephone directory simply as Ptah.

"I'm sure some people are scared by me, but there's got to be some change in the world," he said. "I'm just 20 years ahead of the people in this community."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bomb explodes

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, July 31. (AP) A bomb blast rocked central Belfast today, but a warning call had prompted a mass evacuation, and no one was killed. The outlawed Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility.

Hundreds of office workers, shoppers and pedestrians were hustled from the area before the 1,000-pound (453-kilogramme) bomb went off, police said.

Arms talks

GENEVA, July 31. (AP) Delegates at the latest US-Soviet nuclear arms reduction talks, nearing a summer break, have not made progress on major issues, a US negotiator said today.

The round in Geneva, the first since US President George Bush took office, was "useful" and "productive in small ways," Linton Brooks, deputy head of the US delegation, said in an interview with the bulletin of the US mission in Geneva.

Officials to meet

BRUSSELS, July 31. (UPI) Officials from 24 countries will meet tomorrow to discuss possible Western support for reforms in Poland and Hungary, a European Economic Community spokesman said today.

The main aim of the meeting, convened by the commission, is "to make an inventory of various actions undertaken or envisaged" by the participating parties to help the two East bloc countries, the spokesman said. The meeting will discuss economic co-operation, commercial co-operation, and food aid to Poland.

East Germans jailed

BONN, July 31. (UPI) The East German authorities jailed at least 674 people for political reasons in the first six months of this year, a spokesman for the West German Justice Authority said today.

He said the total number of new political prisoners in 1989 was expected to reach more than 2,000 by the end of the year.

Hans Juergen Grasmann, spokesman for a West German Justice Ministry Department that investigates political arrests in East Germany, said most of the prisoners were charged with "interference with state activity."

Major cuts

BONN, July 31. (Reuters) West Germany's anti-NATO Greens Party today insisted on major cuts in defence spending before joining any coalition with the Opposition Social Democrats (SPD).

A senior Greens official said the party did not pursue unrealistic goals such as West Germany's withdrawal from NATO if national elections in December 1990 produced a "Red-Green" majority.

Carter calls for

OTTA, Nigeria, July 31. (Reuters) Former US President Jimmy Carter yesterday urged aid-giving countries and organisations to allocate more resources for agricultural development in Africa rather than concentrate on emergency food aid.

Bombs conference

TOKYO, July 31. (KUNA) An international anti-nuclear bombs conference opened here today under the motto "for ridding the globe of nuclear weapons, for disarmament and peace."

The three-day gathering was sponsored by the Japanese National Congress for banning nuclear weapons, under the auspices of Japan's Socialist Party on the 44th anniversary of US bombing of Hiroshima in 1945.

Issues of human rights and the need for banning atomic and hydrogen bombs were high on the agenda of the conference which is convening for the fourth year separately from a similar forum that is scheduled to be held by the Japanese Communist Party here tomorrow.

Quayle lobbies

LOS ANGELES, July 31. (UPI) Vice-President Dan Quayle during a trip to Asia this spring lobbied foreign leaders on behalf of specific American companies, a practice traditionally shunned by American presidents and vice-presidents, the Los Angeles Times reported yesterday.

While in Jakarta on May 1, Quayle at least twice brought up with senior Indonesian officials a pending export by American telephone and telegraph to land a multimillion-dollar contract to manufacture telecommunications equipment in that country, the Times said.

Import ban ends

MOSCOW, July 31. (Reuters) The Soviet Union has lifted all restrictions on importing the works of banned authors.

"The only restrictions are on material calling for the violent overthrow of the state and pornography," customs chief Vitaly Boykov told a news conference today. "No authors are banned."

The censorship body Glavlit authorised unrestricted imports of all works by exiled author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, including "Gulag Archipelago" — his epic description of Stalin labour camps.



In all this glory

Thousands of anti-communist Poles, including ex-servicemen in their World War Two uniforms, gather in Warsaw on Sunday to unveil a memorial to the 1944 Warsaw uprising, whose anniversary was once banned in communist Poland. Participants were urged to boycott a similar ceremony by the government which plans to unveil a Warsaw uprising monument of its own on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Amend law: opposition

Yeltsin calls for special Congress

MOSCOW, July 31. (UPI) An opposition parliamentary group elected a five-man collective leadership including Boris Yeltsin yesterday and called for a special session of the Congress of People's Deputies in September to amend the constitution.

Amending the law of the land could change election procedures and let the newly formed faction of left-radical deputies get their members into the actual standing legislature, the Supreme Soviet, from which they were largely shut out in May voting.

The group also called for an unfettered press free of control of the Communist Party, restoration of the citizenship of dissidents such as exiled writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn, and a commission to investigate the concluded war in Afghanistan.

Although Yeltsin had been favoured to be the chairman of the left-radical deputies, the first such parliamentary opposition in Soviet history, he outpolled historian Yuri Afanasyev by only one vote, 144-143.

A five-man collective leadership was selected to run the faction of 566 members — Yeltsin, Afanasyev, economist Gavril Popov, Estonian Viktor Palm and scientist and rehabilitated dissident Andrei Sakharov.

At first rotation was considered of the five-man body, but the delegates decided on the collective leadership. Below the five-man body, there will be a 25-person committee handling the work of the faction.

Rivals accused

Conspiracy alleged

BELGRADE, July 31. (Reuters) Yugoslav Prime Minister Ante Markovic has accused opponents of plotting to topple his government and of blocking his efforts to bring in needed economic reforms.

Markovic did not name the plotters when he addressed yesterday a plenum of the Communist Party's Central Committee called to discuss worsening inter-ethnic relations. But he clearly alluded to Yugoslavia's biggest rebel Serbia.

"A scenario is being drawn up to topple those who are held to blame for everything that is wrong in society," he said. "(The scenario) claims that the federal government is to blame."

"Every solution which the government offers is viewed through narrow national interests... most of the measures we have proposed have been blocked or hindered."

Markovic, a Croat, who took over his job only last March, is accused by Serbia of favouring the most economically-advanced republics of Slovenia and Croatia at the expense of the poorer south, including Serbia.

The Serbian media have suggested that Markovic wants to create social unrest in Serbia to prepare the way for the overthrow of its leaders. Slovenia and Croatia fear that Serbia, under its populist President Slobodan Milosevic, wants to use its position as the largest of the Yugoslav federation's eight republics and provinces to impose its hegemony on the country.

A mass Serbian rally in Croatia this month highlighted the historical rivalry between the two regions and prompted Croatia to accuse Serbia of stirring up national divisions.

Call to dismantle 'Soviet empire'

MOSCOW, July 31. (AP) Andrei D. Sakharov, in an interview published yesterday, called for the complete dismantling of the Soviet Union's "empire-like" structure built on oppression and its replacement by a voluntary confederation.

The outspoken dean of the Soviet human rights movement reiterated his respect for President Mikhail Gorbachev, but told the weekly magazine Ogonyok that the country is on the verge of an economic catastrophe and that he considers a military or right-wing coup a possibility.

Sakharov said the Soviet Union must tear down its centrally controlled system built by Josef Stalin and start all over again.

The 15 Soviet republics and other homelands set aside for the Soviet Union's more than 100 ethnic groups "should get independence to the maximum degree," Sakharov said.

"Their sovereignty should have the minimal limits of common defence, foreign policy, transport and communications," he added.

Sakharov, a member of the Congress of

People's Deputies Parliament who was heckled and cut off during several debates during the initial parliamentary sessions, said the Congress failed to address the Soviet Union's severe ethnic difficulties.

Thousands of Moldavians staged a new demonstration in the republic's capital Kishinev yesterday and threatened a general strike if local leaders failed to meet their demands for language concessions.

Some 30,000 people gathered in Kishinev's central square to mark the 40th anniversary on August 2 of the creation of the republic.

Polish premier nominee selected

WARSAW, July 31. (Agencies) Poland's new Communist Party leader Mieczyslaw Rakowski today proposed Interior Minister General Czeslaw Kiszczak to succeed him as prime minister.

The official news agency PAP said Rakowski recommended Kiszczak to Communist parliamentary deputies in line with a resolution agreed by the Party's Central Committee.

As the party's official candidate Kiszczak was expected to be officially nominated by President Wojciech Jaruzelski to replace Rakowski, whose resignation after 10 months in office was due to be debated by the Sejm (lower house) later today.

Rakowski was due to be replaced following the communists' crushing defeat by Solidarity in last month's parliamentary elections and his election on Saturday as leader of the Communist Party.

Kiszczak, 63, was responsible for suppressing Solidarity under martial law in the early 1980s but he was won the respect of Solidarity as the government's chief negotiator on political reforms in the past few months.

His candidacy signalled Jaruzelski's failure to bring Solidarity — which has 35 per cent of the deputies in the Sejm and 99 of the 100 senators — into a coalition to tackle Poland's economic problems.

Meanwhile, consumers stood in line for hours today to buy meat and sugar before price controls are lifted tomorrow and costs soar.

The controversial food price move was scheduled to take effect regardless of whether a new government was formed. It is endorsed by Rakowski, but criticised by Solidarity and some Marxist economists.

A critic of the plan, Politburo member Wladyslaw Baka, said it could raise food prices 300 to 400 per cent and turn the public against reforms unless it was introduced more cautiously.

Long lines formed in front of grocery shops in the capital today, with people reportedly waiting two hours to buy a kilogramme (2.2 pounds) of sugar — the maximum allowed. Lines for low-cost rationed meat were even longer.

The plan to eliminate price controls to encourage farmers to produce more underlines the growing complexity of Poland's political changes.

Rakowski, a pragmatist who gathered support from party conservatives for his election Saturday to first secretary, supported the bold reform step and got the party to endorse it.

Solidarity, the main opposition, backs the reform generally but opposes it now because it feels the groundwork has not been laid and that when the already-high food prices go higher it will fuel social tensions and strikes.

Communist Party spokesman Janusz Bisztyga, discussing Rakowski's election today, said the new first secretary was picked for three reasons: He is an experienced and trusted politician, he is known internationally and, "he is a very good fighter... and wants to change the situation so that the party will get up from its knees."

After his election Saturday, Rakowski told fellow communists the party was not looking for a quarrel with the opposition, "but we will fight back if provoked," according to a text made public yesterday.

Rakowski urged members to be confident of their ability to compete with the powerful opposition movement, led by Solidarity.

"We are interested in real, constructive co-operation... for the good of the country. But if such constructive co-operation does not come about, the nation soon will see who it can really trust," he said.

These are just three of Bush's 44 diplomatic appointments that have provoked critics, who say the president has overstepped the line that governs how many purely political ambassadors should be tolerated.

His most vocal critics is Democrat Paul Sarbanes, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which must approve each presidential nomination.

After the committee narrowly approved Florida property developer Joseph Zappala as envoy to Spain last week, Sarbanes complained: "We are being confronted with nominees who demonstrably have no qualifications other than large campaign donations."

Overall, the administration wants to have 67 per cent of



Price rises expected

Crowds in Poland fight their way into a Warsaw meat shop on Monday, the day before massive price rises are expected. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bid to 'oust Thatcher'

Howe denies report of revolt

LONDON, July 31. (AP) A move inside Britain's governing Conservative Party to oust Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was reported today after her shakeup of the cabinet.

Thatcher on July 24 made 13 changes among the 21 men she leads, dropping four ministers, in an effort to brighten her party's image with the electorate.

The changes were headed by the demotion of Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe to leader of the House of Commons.

Sunday's London newspapers devoted lengthy reports to stories of unrest in the party and a belief among some Tories that Thatcher has become a liability and cannot win the next general election against the Socialist Labour Party, due by mid-1992.

The Tory Daily Express reported today that close allies of Howe were sounding out fellow lawmakers to see what support he would receive if he stood against the prime minister. The report said it wasn't clear if Howe was "aware of the conspiracy."

Another Tory newspaper, the Daily Mail, reported however that an unidentified friend of Howe said he had "absolutely no intention" of joining a revolt.

A fight for the leadership would begin publicly at the party's annual conference in October, with a decision by the party's 373 lawmakers in the House of Commons in November.

A contest "would mean the gravest crisis for Mrs Thatcher in her 10 years in Downing Street," the newspaper said.

Mrs Thatcher has had no challenger since the party lawmakers voted for her to replace former Prime Minister Edward Heath in 1975.

Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the influential 1922 committee of rank-and-file Tory lawmakers, issued a warning to potential rebels by telling a reporter: "The prime minister has the right to form her administration and all of us accept that it is our system of government."

Fox added: "The people who have been sniping at Mrs Thatcher take every opportunity to do so. But they had better be warned off. There is no way that sort of thing could succeed."

Howe was widely reported to have been stunned when Thatcher told him of his demotion.

Although Howe was named also as deputy prime minister, Thatcher's office told reporters the post did not really exist and the prime minister would remain in charge even when she was out of the country.

Thatcher changed her cabinet after a series of setbacks for her party, which lost voting support in special elections and was defeated by the Labour Party in June elections for the European parliament of the 12-nation European Economic Community.

Meanwhile Howe "fiercely" denied a report that he was planning to challenge prime minister's leadership of the Conservative Party.

Speaking via his parliamentary private secretary, Howe described the Daily Express story as "hilarious and without foundation."

Amir's message for presidents

OIC envoys for Sofia

ANKARA, July 31. (Agencies) Two representatives of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) left Turkey for Bulgaria today to try to resolve a dispute over a flood of ethnic Turkish refugees crossing into Turkey.

Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Suleiman Majid Al Shaheen, accompanied by OIC Secretary General Hamid Al Ghabid, will give President Todor Zhivkov a message from HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, the OIC chairman.

Turkish officials said Shaheen delivered a separate message today from the Amir to Turkish President Kenan Evren giving his views on the dispute.

Al Shaheen told reporters on arrival in Ankara that they will be hearing from Turkish and Bulgarian officials on the problem of the Muslim Turkish minority in Bulgaria with a view to settling the issue.

Mainly Muslim Turkey appealed to the OIC for a special meeting to discuss the plight of about 220,000 refugees who have left Bulgaria for Turkey since early June. The officials said Ghabid was consulting members about a meeting.

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Chilean voters OK 54 amendments



Pinochet casts his vote in a referendum on constitutional reform Sunday in Santiago, Chile. (Reuters wirephoto)

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 31. (AP) Fifty-four constitutional reforms approved by Chilean voters will help revive democracy after 16 years of military rule, both the government and opposition say.

But there are some caveats. The opposition has promised to push for more reforms, including a clause that would prevent Gen. Augusto Pinochet from continuing to run the Army after he steps down as president next year.

The reforms approved yesterday included amendments that would lift a ban on Marxist activities, and political exile and reduce the powers of the president.

The government said the final tally was 5,735,032 million votes in favour and 530,888 against, meaning 91.7 per cent of the voters approved of the amendments. Void and blank votes totalled 408,868.

The 54 reforms, which were the result of an unprecedented agreement between the military government and its foes, should help stabilise the political system, government and opposition leaders said.

Pinochet, in a speech on national radio and television late yesterday, called the vote "historic" and said the amended constitution is "The most efficient way to consolidate an authentically democratic system."

The Council on Hemispheric Affairs lambasted Bush for his nomination of Thomas Strook, a Wyoming oilman who was a major contributor to the president's campaign, as envoy to Guatemala.

"Strook's appointment to this troubled country has to be interpreted as a sign from the White House that Washington is less than serious about curbing rights abuses or preventing Guatemala's return to open military rule," the council said in a statement.

Leader in ANC may be freed

JOHANNESBURG, July 31.

(Agencies) Pretoria may free Walter Sisulu, South Africa's best-known political prisoner after Nelson Mandela, before the general election on Sept 6, government sources said today.

Sisulu, 77, one of the fathers of black resistance to apartheid, has been in prison since police seized him and other African National Congress leaders, including Mandela, at Rivonia, near Johannesburg, in 1963.

Conventional wisdom has been that South Africa will not release its most prominent prisoners until after the election, which the ruling National Party is expected to win.

But government sources said the process of freeing Sisulu and his colleagues — including possibly Mandela — may start before the election.

"It depends on how Albertina behaves," said one source, referring to Sisulu's wife, herself a symbol of protest.

Asked about Mandela, the sources indicated that Sisulu and four other people convicted in the Rivonia trial would be freed first, one by one.

Meanwhile, Albertina Sisulu returned yesterday from a trip abroad and more than 200 singing, dancing supporters welcomed the 71-year-old black woman home.

Mrs Sisulu had been granted a 31-day passport to allow her to accept an invitation from US President George Bush to meet with him in Washington.

She met with Bush last month and led a delegation of leaders of the banned United Democratic Front in meetings with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson and with officials in Belgium and France.

"I am so happy to be back with my people," Mrs Sisulu told the airport crowd.

Mrs Sisulu had urged Bush and Mrs Thatcher to impose more sweeping economic sanctions against South Africa to force the white-controlled government to negotiate with the black majority. Neither has endorsed such an idea.

Photo-copied statements threatening death to South African blacks have begun appearing in and around Johannesburg and nearby Pretoria.

The documents, in the name of a shadowy, extremist organisation called the "White Wolves", denounce plans for sick blacks to turn up at whites-only hospitals this week as part of a new campaign against apartheid race laws.

The self-styled leader of the "White Wolves", ex-police man Barend Strydom, was sentenced to death in May for gunning down seven blacks in a mid-afternoon shooting spree.

During Strydom's trial, officials dismissed the "White Wolves" as an organisation invented by Strydom alone.

One of the documents, which are written in the Dutch-descended Afrikaans language, said blacks wanted to lie around in "our" hospitals, schools and parks, and to ride in "our" buses.

"We will ensure that you lie in your own mortuaries," said the document.

Mozambique's ruling Frelimo Party has ditched its Marxist-Leninist ideology and thrown out two hardline Marxists from its politburo in efforts to bring rebels to the negotiating table and end a decade-old insurgency.

Western diplomats in Maputo said the changes reflected a growing pragmatism within the one-party government which, with Western support, is struggling to extricate the country from war and economic collapse.

The new programme and statutes approved by a Frelimo Congress yesterday marked a significant shift in the ideological direction of the party that has ruled Mozambique, on the Indian Ocean coast bordering South Africa, since independence from Portugal in 1975.

President Joaquim Chissano, who succeeded charismatic leader Samora Machel after his death in 1987, was unanimously re-elected party president.

The congress strongly endorsed moves by Chissano to talk peace with right-wing Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) rebels. It said the Mozambican people wanted peace through consensus but not a peace that would be a "gift to terrorism."

All mention of Marxism-Leninism, the party ideology adopted at a congress in 1977, was dropped in favour of a general commitment to socialism.

China-Viet row threatens talks

Rivals demand destruction of other's Cambodian proteges

PARIS, July 31, (Agencies): A head-on clash between China and Vietnam today apparently torpedoed peace hopes at the Paris international conference on Cambodia, diplomats said.

Both Beijing and Hanoi uncompromisingly demanded the destruction of each other's Cambodian proteges, threatening the future of the 19-nation forum which opened yesterday.

The conference was called to end years of turmoil in the Southeast Asian state. Vietnam invaded Cambodia in 1978, sweeping away a ruthless, four-year communist experiment by the Chinese-backed

Khmer Rouge under leader Pol Pot, in which over a million people died. Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach called for a definitive eradication of the Khmer Rouge — core of a United Nations-recognised resistance coalition headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

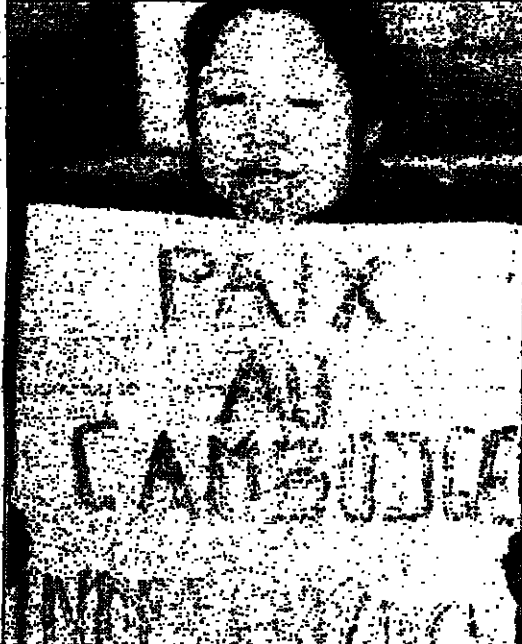
Foreign Minister Qian Qichen of China, the other main foreign protagonist in the conflict, said the conference should accept nothing less than a total settlement replacing the pro-Hanoi Phnom Penh government with an interim coalition including the Khmer Rouge.



Cambodian supporters of Prince Norodom Sihanouk applaud and cheer at the end of the first session of the International Peace Conference on Cambodia in Paris on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)



A Cambodian woman carries her baby as she joins an exodus from a Khmer Rouge camp on the Thai-Cambodian border after recent shelling. Artillery exchanges along the border coinciding with the Paris conference have created a new sense of nervousness. (Reuters wirephoto)



A Cambodian woman, standing in the rain, holds a sign that reads "Peace in Cambodia, Independence" outside the International Conference Centre, where the 19-nation Cambodia peace conference takes place in Paris. (Reuters wirephoto)

LDP rejects new nominee

Back to square one

TOKYO, July 31, (Reuters): Faction leaders in Japan's ruling party threw out the nomination of the party's emerging young leader, Secretary-General Ryutaro Hashimoto, to replace Prime Minister Sushiro Uno, party officials said today.

Political analysts said Hashimoto was dropped because he was too independent and too strong a personality for Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) elders, who like to maintain influence over the party leader.

Hashimoto was seen as capable and relatively untouched by the recent Recruit shares-for-favours scandal in which most of the LDP's leaders were implicated.

Party officials said the new LDP leader will be chosen on August 8 and formally named premier at an extraordinary session of Parliament on August 10.

Hashimoto was the main campaigner for the LDP in the election for the upper house and was widely named as the front-runner last week, even receiving an endorsement from a rival faction

leader, former Finance Minister Kiuchi Miyazawa.

"The faction bosses are all unable to run themselves, because of the Recruit scandal," said political analyst Soichiro Tahara.

"Hashimoto, because of his charismatic style, encountered strong opposition within his own group and it seems he gave up without a fight," he added.

The decision not to field Hashimoto, 52, in the party's August 8 ballot for party leader came at a midnight meeting of the faction headed by disgraced former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, who resigned last month over the Recruit affair.

The meeting decided not to propose Hashimoto or Shin Kanemaru, 77, another widely tipped possibility for the job.

Japanese newspapers speculated that former Education Minister Toshiki Kaifu, 57, might be nominated, mainly because he comes from a tiny faction and could therefore be chosen as a compromise among the stronger factions.

Alliance to enter candidate

SEOUL, South Korea, July 31, (AP): South Korea's dissident groups, trying to secure a formal political foothold, are entering a candidate in a parliamentary election viewed by many as an indicator of the country's political course.

An alliance of more than 200 dissident groups, calling itself a "Pan-National Democratic Force," has named human rights lawyer Koh Young-Koo as its candidate in a national assembly election scheduled Aug 18.

The election in a southern district of Seoul is significant because the four main political parties all see themselves as having an equal chance of winning. The contest thus is seen as a weather vane for Korean politics.

The dissident candidate declared that the election will determine whether the country's faction-ridden politics can get rid of the "one-Roh, three-Kim system," he claimed is blocking the country's democratic development.

He said President Roh Tae-Woo's government and the three main opposition parties, headed by Kim Dae-Jung, Kim Young-Sam and Kim Jong-Pil, are locked in perennial political wrangling.

Im's fellow strikers hospitalised

SEOUL, South Korea, July 31, (AP): A South Korean radical student illegally visiting North Korea entered the fifth day of a hunger strike today, demanding to return home directly across the border dividing the peninsula, reports said.

Meanwhile, South Korea's intelligence agency said today it was investigating three dissidents charged with violation of national security laws for allegedly inciting anti-US and anti-government activity.

The student, Im Su-Kyong, and a Roman Catholic priest reportedly were fasting in the northern part of the demilitarized zone in the town of Panmunjom. News reports say they want the Seoul government and the US-led United Nations command to let them cross the

zone dividing the two Koreas.

There are no physical restrictions at Panmunjom and observers say Ms Im and the Rev Moon Gyu-Hyun could easily cross if they chose to, though both face arrest for illegally visiting the communist north.

The South Korean government supports talks with the North on easing tensions and working toward reunification, but maintains that dialogue must be conducted through official channels.

Meanwhile, North Korea's official news agency, monitored in Tokyo, said at least four people who had joined Ms Im in the hunger strike had been taken to a nearby hospital today after "falling into a state of stupor."

China and the resistance are seeking guarantees of an end of foreign interference in the country.

At the same time, Vietnam and the Khmer Rouge exchanged mutual accusations of behaving like Nazi Germans.

Foreign Minister Thach told the conference: "The genocidal Pol Pot regime must be eradicated definitively in the same way as were the fascist regimes in Germany and Italy and the militarist regime in Japan following the end of World War Two."

Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan retorted later: "The Vietnamese crimes, by their scale and atrocity, are equal to those committed by the Nazi, during World War Two."

Khieu Samphan, Cambodia's president under the Khmer Rouge administration of Pol Pot from 1975-79, told the conference that Vietnam was trying to exterminate the Cambodian people.

Diplomats said the conference, due to last till early August, started off too polarised to make significant progress.

"Some minor compromises could come out of this, but it looks like any formal agreement on any significant issue is out of the question," a Western diplomat said.

Thach, referring to the Khmer Rouge, said: "The perpetrators of genocide must be punished and this conference should not grant them any legal status and particularly any veto power under any circumstances whatsoever."

"Any solution that fails to ensure the eradication of the genocidal Pol Pot regime will not be acceptable to the Cambodian people as well as to the other peoples of the world."

He said the Khmer Rouge should "not be allowed to have armed forces and political organisation nor should it be given a legitimate status in the hope of preventing it from starting a civil war and restoring its genocidal regime."

Qian, in his first appearance abroad since China suppressed pro-democracy demonstrators in June, said the Khmer Rouge had to have a share of power: "Any attempt to exclude any one party will never succeed."

China, the United States and the resistance coalition of Sihanouk, the Khmer Rouge and former Prime Minister Son Sann, advocate the sending of UN-sanctioned forces to verify a planned withdrawal of Vietnamese troops in September.

Qian said China would not stop arming and aiding the resistance until a comprehensive pact arranged international verification that Hanoi had ended its 10-year military presence in Cambodia and set up an interim coalition including all four warring factions.

"China is ready to provide an international guarantee, together with other countries, for the independence, sovereignty and non-aligned status of Cambodia," Qian said.

"China will join the other countries concerned in undertaking to cease military assistance to the Cambodian parties," Qian said.

Qian also said China was dropping its longstanding demand that Cambodian resistance forces including the Khmer Rouge be integrated into a centralised Cambodian Army under a quadripartite government after the Vietnamese withdrawal. Instead, he said, the resistance troops should stay where they are, meaning the Khmer Rouge could be kept at arm's length from Phnom Penh, remaining on their bases on the Thai-Cambodian border.

"This (quadrupartite) government will be responsible for affecting a freeze and reduction of the armed forces of the four parties while preparing for future general elections," Qian said.

The United States resumed high level meetings with China today on the fringes of the international peace conference on Cambodia.

US Secretary of State James Baker began a meeting with Qian at 3:22 pm (13:22 GMT) in the French Foreign Ministry building where the 1972 to 1973 peace talks took place.



Tornado kills five

A TORNADO swept through a shanty district early Monday killing at least five people on the main Philippine island of Luzon.

At least six other people were injured when the tornado blew down walls and ripped roofs off shanties in the suburb of Malabon, the Office of Civil Defence reported.

The bodies of a man, his wife and two daughters aged 4 and 6 were found in the debris of a shanty after the storm blew down the firewall of an adjacent factory, the office

said.

Another man who was injured in the incident died later in a hospital, said spokeswoman Emilia Tadeo. She said at least 18 houses were flattened while the roofs of 30 other houses were blown off, and 25 families were evacuated to schools in the area.

Picture shows the residents viewing what remains of three shanty houses that were destroyed when the tornado toppled a six-metre wall in a Manila suburb. (Reuters wirephoto)

2 executed in China

BEIJING, July 31, (Agencies): China executed two men over the weekend on charges of stealing guns and killing two people during pro-democracy protests, official reports said, but the accused did not appear to have taken part in the protests.

A brief report by the official Xinhua News Agency late yesterday identified them as Yu Chunling and Guo Zhenghua of the central city of Wuhan, and said they killed a pregnant woman and a girl while robbing a home during the "turmoil" of the student protests.

The government has attempted to portray the protesters as common criminals and has tried to link any non-political crimes committed during the upheaval to the protesters so as to discredit them. It reported last week that four people convicted of robbery or murder were sentenced to death in Beijing, and they also were said to have "taken advantage" of the turmoil to commit their crimes.

Dozens of executions have been reported nationwide since the protests were crushed in June, but only 12 were of known protesters. Hong Kong newspapers have reported that additional dozens of protesters have been executed in secret.

Xinhua said the sentences were handed down by Wuhan's Intermediate People's Court, which also imposed sentences on 12 other people for offences committed during the unrest, including beating police, attacking government buildings.

One suspect was sentenced to death with a reprieve, two others to life imprisonment and nine more to varying prison terms, it said.

China has reported thousands of arrests in recent weeks as part of a crackdown on dissent as well as common criminals.

In other developments, the government promised today it would honour contracts signed by two leading state-owned conglomerates that are being shut down in an attack on corruption.

The state Administration for Industry and Commerce said two special teams were being formed to "clear up the accounts" of the Kang Hua Development Corp., which is linked to senior leader Deng Xiaoping's son, and

UK to resume HK talks

Major seeks assurances

LONDON, July 31, (AP): Britain will seek assurances that China will repair damaged confidence in Hong Kong when the two nations resume talks on the future of the colony in September, Foreign Secretary John Major said today.

Major said he had raised the point at a meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen yesterday in Paris, where both men are attending a 19-nation peace conference in Cambodia.

The two agreed to resume meetings, for the first time since June's violent crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing, of a joint liaison group working out details of the 1997 transfer of the colony to China.

They agreed to meet in London at the end of September and again before the end of the year, probably in Beijing.

"It was effectively the events in China in June that destroyed the confidence that previously existed after the joint declaration," Major told British Broadcasting Corp. radio in Paris.

"Since that is the case the predominant mode of restoring confidence is what China is going to do and I think that is perfectly clear and I made that point quite clearly to Qian Qichen when we met yesterday," he said.

In the upcoming meeting, Britain will raise "areas of the basic law that are causing concern," he said.

Six out of 10 people in Britain said they believed that the country should grant Hong Kong citizens the right of abode, contrary to the views of government and opposition politicians, according to the results of a poll by the Mori Organisation published in the Sunday Times.

The Sunday Times said that of 1,814 adults aged 18 and over polled nationwide, six out of 10 felt Hong Kong citizens should be allowed the right to enter Britain before 1997.

"This is the main finding of a special question about Hong Kong's claims for full British citizenship rights in the latest poll carried out for the Sunday Times by Market and Opinion Research International," the paper said.

More than 21,000 of the 73,000 students and scholars in the United States in America fear arrest should they return to China in the near future, a survey asserted.

Kiyomura-Ishimoto associates of San Francisco, which released the results during the weekend, found that the typical visiting Chinese student-scholar was very different from the typical American collegian. "He or she is older (most are in their late 20s), with one or two family members, and studying a doctoral or post-doctoral curriculum in the sciences."

The searches followed several widely publicized escapes by leaders of the democracy movement. The student-led movement was brutally crushed June 3-4 when tank and infantry troops firing machine guns moved to disperse demonstrators occupying Beijing's Tiananmen Square, killing hundreds, perhaps thousands, of demonstrators.

China's top leaders and generals congratulated the army today for suppressing last month's pro-democracy demonstrations, but foreign ambassadors in Beijing boycotted Army Day celebrations in protest.

NEWS IN BRIEF

China, USSR agree

NEW YORK, July 31, (AP): The Soviet Union and China have agreed to hold talks in November on reducing troops along the Sino-Soviet border, according to the official Soviet News Agency Tass.

In a dispatch from Paris monitored in New York, Tass reported yesterday that the agreement was made in a meeting of Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen.

The two ministers were in Paris on the day before the opening of an international conference on ending the Cambodian conflict.

Resettlement

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 31, (AP): The United States and Vietnam yesterday announced an agreement allowing former Vietnamese political prisoners and their relatives to resettle. A statement said the two sides hoped to begin the resettlement process by October.

After communist forces toppled the US-backed South Vietnam government in April 1975, hundreds of thousands of people were put into re-education camps for manual labour and political study because of their ties with the old regime. Vietnam has said all but about 120 have been freed.

The US government has sought a formal programme for their resettlement since 1983, but political bickering and other problems barred progress.

Search for MIAs

BANGKOK, July 14, (UPI): US military officials flew to Vietnam today to begin another search for servicemen missing in action since the Vietnam war and to receive 15 sets of suspected MIA remains, a US embassy spokesman said.

Two investigating teams will arrive in Hanoi to work on the seventh joint mission to investigate incidents involving Americans missing in Vietnam, embassy spokesman James Williams said. Also, Vietnam will repatriate 15 sets of remains which may be Americans.

Lt Col James Spurgeon is leading the investigating teams which will spend between 15 and 20 days searching the countryside for remains of some of the 1,713 soldiers listed as missing in action in Vietnam, Williams said.

"The US government recognises and appreciates the efforts of the Vietnamese government which resulted in this unilateral repatriation," he said.

Air fares cut

BEIJING, July 31, (Reuters): China's state airline announced a 20 per cent fare cut on 71 domestic routes from today until the end of the year to reverse a sharp drop in passengers since a military crackdown in June.

The New China News Agency quoted a Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) spokesman as saying the reduction would be for all passengers. Fares on foreign routes will not be reduced.

The spokesman said half a million fewer passengers travelled on CAAC in June than a year ago. Foreign passengers dropped 54 per cent.

Hooker detained

SYDNEY, July 31, (Reuters): An Australian prostitute with AIDS is being confined in hospital to prevent her infecting clients.

Medical experts said today they believed it was the first time someone with AIDS had been detained against their will in Australia.

Peter Collins, health minister for the state of New South Wales, told Channel 10 Television the prostitute, named only as Sharleen, was being confined for the sake of the community in Sydney's Prince Henry Hospital.

Sharleen said she had contracted AIDS acquired immune deficiency syndrome by picking up a used hypodermic syringe in Sydney's red light district of King's Cross.

Entertainment cuts

TOKYO, July 31, (Reuters): An influential Japanese business organisation called on companies today to cut entertainment expenses, used in some cases to bribe politicians.

The Japan Association of Corporate Executives said the Recruit share-for-favours scandal appeared to reveal a drop in businessmen's moral standards in using company money.

"Japan's business expenses have been soaring year after year and are huge compared with those in the United States and European countries," the association said in a statement.

"It cannot be denied that company expenses for entertainment have been sometimes used as bribes," an association official said.

Japanese survey

TOKYO, July 31, (AP): Nearly 60 per cent of Japanese expect global disarmament to be realised, according to a government survey published today.

In an apparent reflection of easing East-West tensions, the prime minister's office survey showed 59.9 per cent of the respondents said they are expecting world-wide disarmament to be realised, compared to 30.5 per cent found in a similar poll in 1981. It did not provide margin of error.

The survey was conducted in January and asked the opinions of 2,281 randomly selected people age 20 or over.

Chinese defectors turned over to South Korea

SEOUL, July 31, (AP): A Chinese Army major and his wife who crossed the border from North Korea have been turned over to South Korean authorities for investigation, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

"As soon as their intentions are confirmed, their case will be settled by respecting their wishes and in accordance with international laws and customary practices," ministry spokesman Chang Choon said.

Maj Zuo Xiukai, 40, and his wife told the US-led UN command they were seeking political asylum in

a third country when they crossed the border on Saturday at Panmunjom in the demilitarized zone, according to intelligence sources.

Some speculated their defection was motivated by China's recent harsh crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations.

The newspaper Joong-Ang Daily News, quoting unidentified sources, said the Chinese couple wanted to go to the United States. The US embassy in Seoul declined to comment.

Seoul-based foreign journalists, who often met

Zuo at Panmunjom, said he speaks fluent English and had served in the Chinese embassies in India and Britain before being assigned to Panmunjom two years ago.

After crossing the border, the couple initially was under the protective custody of the UN command, which has jurisdiction over the southern half of the demilitarized zone along the Korean border.

Foreign Ministry officials said the Chinese would not be granted asylum in South Korea under its traditional policy of denying political asylum to foreigners.

Public transport reduces air pollution: study

Taxi service disorganised

ACCORDING to a study prepared by the Department of Research and Studies at the Ministry of Interior, social and economic aspects have greatly affected public transport services in the country and positively contributed to the reduction of air pollution and traffic congestion. Other important indicators reveal the low percentage of public transport users among Kuwaitis and the high percentages of users among the limited income group.

The study further said that public transport saves the public user up to at least

KD30 million because of subsidised fuel, besides reducing the total number of vehicles on the road.

It adds that public transport can considerably help reduce traffic accidents for which private cars are responsible. The element of safety is at its peak in the case of buses due to their bulky size, weight and movement within speed limits.

Vanettes
The study also reveals that vanettes contribute 12 per cent of the total transport business on a daily basis. Those who fail to hop on buses could catch a vanette

to drop them home from work. The total number of vanettes in operation amounted to 70,000 which daily provides transport to 232,000 passengers.

The prevalence of vanettes as an alternative faster means of transport is not just a threatening rival to public transportation but also another factor responsible for traffic congestions and social and economic problems. The varying driving skills exhibited by vanette drivers and the prevalence of vanettes in such vast numbers is deformation of the country's civilised aspects, the study added.

The existing taxi service lacks planning and follow-up by the relevant authorities. Quite a number of people have a marked reluctance to use the orange-coloured taxi, while the majority of people preferred the call-taxi service.

One major reason for the reluctance of citizens to use the regular orange-colour taxi service is the fact that no parking places for such taxis are sufficiently allocated and well-distributed around the country. Despite the effort by the General Traffic Department to allocate special parking complexes for the public

taxis, 64.2 per cent of the total people surveyed were unable to identify these locations.

The study says that a total of 15,641 driving licences were given to taxi-drivers, while only 4,955 taxis were operating the service.

A total of 55.8 per cent of the people surveyed said that they felt comfortable and safe riding with public taxis, while 42.2 per cent stated the contrary and even blamed the taxi-drivers for irregular driving patterns that more often led to road accidents.

Call for joint Arab economic enterprise

60pc requirements imported

ARAB countries have been called upon to carry out joint economic and industrial projects in all fields — specially those related to steel, iron and energy, according to a study published in an internal magazine of the UAE Ministry of Petroleum.

"Industry is the main gate for Arabs to achieve development," the study said and called for freeing Arab industries from bonds of tradition by executing joint projects and industries among Arab countries.

Steel has been cited as an ideal project to be implemented as an industry that integrates with Arab sources of energy, finance, manpower and local markets, the study said. It added that the Arab world is one of the most important areas containing iron in the world.

Iron reserves in the Arab world amounted to 12.9 billion tons making it the most important raw material. The study stressed that Arab economic

integration will not build a strong economy if it does not depend on making optimum use of oil, gas and other raw materials which are indigenously available. The study added that the production capacity of the Arab world was 3,780 million tons in 1982 which increased to 5,694 million tons in 1985. Consumption accounted for 47,358 tons between 1980 and 1985, while production was only 17,474 tons during the same period. Translated, this in effect means that 60 per cent of the Arab world's needs are imported.

The study identified iron production in the Arab world as being concentrated in Algeria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Of vital significance to these countries, is the fact that energy sources to run iron-related industries are available in close proximity to the raw material. Iron is also available in Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia, including

natural gas and petrol. Libya also has large resources of oil, natural gas and iron.

The study determined that existing iron factories in the Arab world are inadequate to meet the needs of these countries. According to figures mentioned in the Arab economic unified report of 1988 the production capacity of the Arab world planned for 1990 is estimated at 24,750 million tons accounted for by factories producing raw iron, steel and complete manufactured products. Most of these factories are located in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq and Libya. If this plan is properly implemented and executed, the Arab world will meet about 85 to 90 per cent of its needs of iron and steel. The Arab manpower totalled about 60 million workers. But it will still need about 75 million workers in 1995 and 100 million workers in the beginning of the new century the study added.



Minister visits summer clubs

MINISTER of Education Anwar Al Noun has described the role of summer clubs as complementary to that of schools, but far unaffected by the constraints enforced there.

Speaking to a delegation from Dasma Club for Girls, he said that the function of these clubs was part and parcel of the educational process, and that it was based on a worthwhile active and rewarding utilisation of youths effort during the summer recess in a bid to cultivate their scientific, cultural, technical, sports, musical, theatrical and other individual talents.

He pointed out that summer clubs were established in the

early fifties and had been developing constantly ever since, stressing the need for all parents to encourage their children to join these active facilities which operated under the supervision of specialists and attracted quite a good number of youths.

He paid high tribute to the efforts exerted by the government to support and follow up the progress of these public facilities which, among other things, seek to prepare individuals to become useful and productive by encouraging them to develop their talents instead of wasting their time aimlessly during the summer's long and boring vacation.

New database for medical institute

THE Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations Secretary-General Dr Abdullah Al Rifai has said that a new database has been introduced at the institute to enable the collection of basic data on doctors, their distribution, current work sites, their performance evaluation and results of their exams.

He told a local daily that the new database will be further developed to enable the performance of more applications covering the remaining medical specialisations.

He said that a dental college was proposed to be established at the institute where dentists will receive continuous training. The institute will soon announce the names of students accepted in the family medicine specialisation study, scheduled to begin next January.

He noted a marked decline among Kuwaiti graduates to specialise in basic medical fields such as surgery, internal medicine, gynaecology, maternity, anaesthesiology, intensive care, and radiology.

Plans to open new Science Museum in Doha

INCREASING numbers of visitors along with the increase in exhibits at the Science Museum have prompted relevant authorities to undertake preliminary studies for the construction of a new museum.

The museum is proposed to be built in Doha area near the

Sulaibikhat Sporting Club on an area admeasuring 30,000 square metres, Qasem Khudair, director of the scientific museum said.

The new facility will display the formations of the natural environment in Kuwait including the desert, coastal and marine environments in a great hall.

These formations will be on a level with similar facilities in different areas of the world. Audio-visual aids will be provided to facilitate visitors to better view the items displayed.

The Science Museum in Kuwait City is open daily in the mornings and evenings at a

nominal charge of 100 to 150 fils per person. About 165,000 persons visited the museum during the last year. About 150,000 were students, 33,000 citizens and expatriates and 1,200 official visitors.

Khudair pointed out that studies to establish the scientific

museum began in 1970 and lasted for two years. The museum comprises three sections: natural history, science and astronomy sections. The natural history section contains a large number of mammals, birds, insects and plants as well as skeletons of birds, insects, reptiles, and animals of Kuwait.

EVENTS



During their recent official visit to Kuwait, the Soviet First Deputy Defence Minister General Konstantin Kochetov and his accompanying delegation spent a day at the Khairan Resort where they were welcomed by Souheil El Assad, deputy general manager and Mohammed Al Hashash, Yacht Club manager.

The guest and his delegation went on a familiarisation tour to the different parts of the Resort and expressed their admiration of this large project and the availability of different facilities and services for the guests.

At the end of the tour General Kochetov thanked the Resort's management for their warm welcome wishing them further success and prosperity.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1		
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran	4.00 Al Hob La Yaaref Al Mostahel: Arabic feature, starring Salah Qabael, Kholood and Zahrat Al Oila	6.30 Captain Power: "Freedom Won". Christine joins Captain Power to win his trust
9.15 Sa'ah Al Kheir: local programme	7.00 Hikayat Al Asmae: Historical serial, starring Rasheed Allama, Neda Al Sabeq and Mohammed Ibrahim	7.00 Gone Fishing: "Eels". 7.30 The New Adventure of Bean Baxter: "Beans Finds His Dad." Part 2
9.30 Cartoons	7.55 Nadwat Al Osboon	8.00 News in English
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite	9.00 News in Arabic	8.40 Islamic Foundation: A special programme on the life of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH)
10.15 Mahlan Ayoha Al Omr: Arabic serial (Part 1), starring Abdul Menim Madbouli, Raja Hosain, Inad Rashad and Farooq Najeeb	10.00 Haribat Mina Al Madhi: Daily Arabic serial (Part 15)	9.00 A Different World: "Claire's Last Stand". The girls plan a trip to Greece. Starring: Lisa Bonet
11.15 Izzaj: Local serial (Part 9), starring Ghanem Al Saleh, Zainab Al Dhabhi, Maryam Al Ghabban and Dawood Hosain	10.45 Bae' Al Khobz: Arabic feature film starring Shokri Sarhan, Majda, Zaki Rostom and Amina Rizq	9.40 Horizon: "Wasting The Alps". A look at some environmental problems in the Alps
12.15 Hikayat Maa Al Nojoom: Variety programme	12.15 News Summary	10.30 L.A. Law: "The Princess and the Pea". Douglass shows unexpected generosity in his divorce settlement
1.00 News Summary	12.20 The World Today via Satellite	12.00 News Summary: Magazine D'Actualite: Holy Quran/ Closedown
1.05 The World News via Satellite	12.40 Holy Quran and closedown	
KTV 2		
1.30 Sport Billy: Cartoon serial	6.00 Opening and Holy Quran	
2.15 Hara Neseeha Al Zaman: Arabic serial (Part 10)	6.10 Amigo and Friends: cartoon series	
3.30 Bibi Folk and Calimiro: Cartoon serial		

CINEMA

Al Firdous
Kathron Ke Khiladi
Starring: Dharmendra
Madhuri Dixit
Fahad Open-Air
Nafar Ki Aandhi

Al Andalus
Arabic film
Al Hama
Arabic film
Al Salama
Arabic film

Fahad Open air
Meri Zabaan
Al Fahad
Suicide Force
Al Jahra
Sukh Dukher
Granada
Thandrum
Sulaibikhat
Night Stick
Al Jebb
Red Scorpion
Ahmadi Drive-in
Arabic film

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Jahra Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem Street
Al Salam Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kaber Street

Hawalli and Nagra
Al Rehab Pharmacy
Tunis Street, Al Rehab Complex

Salmiya and Rumaithiya
Razan Pharmacy
Al Razi Street
Fahad and Ahmadi
Adel Pharmacy
Fahad, Al Daboos Street

Farwaniya
Al Madena Pharmacy
North Street

Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Al Motaifi Street

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.39 am
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.30 pm
Maghreb	6.40
Isha	8.06

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Kapilku contest
AUGUST 18: Kapilku will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Aray ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosale Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 483447.

Kapilku meeting
THERE will be an officers meeting on Tuesday at Far East Restaurant at 8.30 pm. Topics to be discussed are: Palao awarding ceremony on Aug 4 at Keifan; Little Mr & Ms Philippines Kuwait '89; Kapilku night on Sept 1; and Philippine Day on Sept 8.

Konkani drama
AUG 11: A Konkani drama entitled "Battli Ani Bazaar," directed by Pascoal Rodrigues will be held at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaites at 10 am and 4 pm. Gate passes are available at Raja Stores and Alex Martins Shop.

Bangladesh Library
AUGUST 4 (Friday): A meeting of life-long/founder members of the Bangladesh Library will be held at 5 pm at the embassy premises to form a Library Committee. All life-long members are requested to attend the meeting.

D'Assisi Evening

AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen, Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Armst, Shop No. 34, Al Karnak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

Tivim Centre

OCT 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await you. For further information contact the organisers.

United Goans

AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140 Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

Kalpak exhibition

SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Sargavadi's Saakshi

AUG 3, (Thursday): Sargavadi, the cultural wing of Kuwait Kerala Cultural Congress, on the eve of Nehru Centenary celebrations, will be staging one of the most popular Malayalam social plays — Saakshi, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium at 6.30 pm.

Written by Varughese Paul directed by Jayan Pattathu and co-directed by Miss Shirley John, the characters are represented by Baby Thomas, C.C. Josekutty, Niman Thangalathil, Emmanuel, Babychan, Mrs Mary Sebastian, Mrs Annamma Kurian, Miss Shirley John and Miss Shiny John. Lyrics by Rajendra Babu, music direction: Viswamal. Lead singers are Unnikrishnan and Mrs Lekshmi Vijayakumar.

Fit for life

LADIES' Keep Fit classes at La Palma Fitness Centre at the Kuwait International on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Free use of the pool after each session plus free use of the sauna on Tuesdays. Also judo, karate and taekwondo classes. Individual coaching for tennis and swimming available. Garden poolside barbeque every Friday afternoon. Recreation facilities include bowling, snooker and health club with sauna, steam bath and plunge pool. Telephone Paul or Vivienne at: 2530000/8050.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait International
LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.

Falaka: Rooftop restaurant
overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext. 8012.

Garden Pool: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbeque event every Friday afternoon.

La Patisserie: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings. Ext. 8014.

At Messilah Beach
AL MUBARAKIYAH: The only 24-hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and Continental specialties with daily buffet for breakfast; lunch and dinner plus a la carte menu.

Al Jawahara Super Night Club: live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive a la carte menu on Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.

Al Berdoweh beach garden restaurant open daily — Sunday-Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese mezzeh, freshly baked markouk bread and hubble bubble.

At the Hotel Pullman
At the Elysees Restaurant: Everyday, authentic French cuisine at the Pullman Hotel, Kuwait.

At the Salalah coffee shop: International and Arabic cuisine with live music nightly.

At the Kuwait Plaza
TEMPTING lunch and dinner. A wide variety of all sorts of delicious, home-made and sumptuous dishes with real Lebanese mezzeh and delights of Arabic and French sweets plus fruits of the season.

A unique opportunity to try the dish you like most. It is indeed special lunch or dinner to suit everybody's taste, for only KD2.995.

Also at Al Dallah coffee shop the breakfast with a difference for KD0.995. American, Continental and Arabic breakfast. Enjoy our variety of food daily with Plaza special lunch from 6.00 am till 11.00 am.

Italian dinner: Let us take you to heart of Rome while you are in the heart of Kuwait. A special ambience with exotic delicious and Italian dishes prepared before you.

Delights of Arabic ice-cream and jumbo sandwiches at Louwah corner "Le Cafe de Paris" with traditional Arabic music played by the famous oud player Fawzi Jamil. Unique surroundings on the edge of Al Muthanna shopping centre. Open all day long.

At the SAS Hotel
VISIT the Far East with SAS. Relish the wide variety of authentic Chinese delicacies served in a very elegant surrounding, the Peacock Room. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 352.

Try some new Italian specialties served in a cosy Italian setting — Bistrot at the SAS. We also serve a delicious selection of Continental and Arabic dishes. Open daily, breakfast lunch and dinner. We serve brunch every Friday.

Welcome on board Al Boom. Dine on our delicious mezzeh buffet. Dinner daily and lunch every Thursday and Saturday. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 580.

Clock at the SAS club: The only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait offer wide varieties of fast food specialties.

Recreation centre
AT the Holiday Inn Health Club and Recreation Centre: Swimming lessons available all year round with qualified swimming instructors. Open to non-members. Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 4 - 6.30 pm.

Meridian Hotel
SWEET watermelon promotion in Al Fingayn (featuring all kinds of melon, until August 3).

Sheikh Salem heads Higher Traffic Council

Traffic policy decree

A HIGHER Traffic Council under the chairmanship of Minister of the Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah has been established according to an Amiri Decree.

As per the terms of the decree, the General Traffic Administration (GTA) and its regular forces are responsible for the smooth flow of traffic, implementing traffic rules and traffic charters in the country.

The Higher Traffic Council will be headed by Minister of the Interior, deputised by an undersecretary. The GTA is to be headed by a director-general supported by one or more deputies. The director-general of the GTA will be a member of the council.

The following will be represented at the council by one representative nominated

by the relevant minister or head of the authority: Ministries of Communications, Public Works, Planning, Education, Kuwait Municipality and Kuwait Public Transport Company.

The decree determined the charter of the council by laying down the policies and plans in the field of traffic, studying traffic

problems and recommending solutions, co-ordinating among relevant authorities to streamline the traffic-flow in the country and determining the general responsibilities of the GTA and developing its expertise. The decree stipulated that a member nominated by the relevant ministry should be at the level of an assistant undersecretary.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gambian talks

KUWAIT, July 31, (KUNA): Gambian Foreign Minister Omer Sey today met with Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

The talks focussed on bilateral relations and means of boosting them in various spheres and to review the situation in the Middle East and other issues of mutual concern.

During the meeting, the Gambian foreign minister extended an invitation to Sheikh Sabah to visit Gambia. Sheikh Sabah accepted the invitation on the date of which would be fixed in due course.

The meeting was attended by Acting Foreign Undersecretary Ambassador Ahmed Al Fahd, Acting Director of the Foreign Ministry Office Faisal Abdullah Al Othman and acting director of Asia and Africa department at the Foreign Ministry Ibrahim Mahana.

MTSC pagers

KUWAIT, July 31, (KUNA): Mobile Telephone Systems Company yesterday signed a contract with the Ministry of Communications to import 200 numeric display pagers to be delivered by the end of November 1989, a press release said today.

These are in addition to the 4,500 pagers already being supplied by the system contractor, it added.

French delegation

KUWAIT, July 31, (KUNA): Minister of Defence, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber today received a delegation from the French company of Dasa.

Later in the day, Sheikh Nawaf received students of culture committee of Dasa Summer Club.

KISR agreement

KUWAIT, July 31, (KUNA): Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research has recently signed an agreement with Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research on facilitation of direct automatic search.

The agreement will enable the two scientific research institutes to exchange information by electronic mail, a press release said today.

Tax meeting

DIRECTORS of customs authorities in the GCC states will hold a meeting in Riyadh next October to discuss the feasibility of implementing a unified import tax bill on luxury items.

The objective of the scheme is to protect national products from foreign competition.

The recommendations of the directors on the proposed bill will be forwarded to the finance ministers of the respective GCC states for their recommendations.

CSC rewards

ASSISTANT Undersecretary of Education Ministry of Planning and Development Dr. Rashied Al-Hamad has said that financial rewards and allowances approved recently by the Civil Service Council for employees of the ministry who participate in training courses will improve the standards of training and attract more numbers to participate.

He added that training courses are offered for teachers, administrative staff and officials in the ministry. He added that employees who seek promotions in the ministry should take these courses because experience alone is not sufficient to qualify them for senior posts, he said.

Commenting on the unification of school curriculum in GCC states Hamad said that experiment to unify the curriculum and text books of primary stage in the GCC states in mathematics and science subjects proved a success and it is going to be generalised in all primary schools. He added that Gulf States Research and Curriculum Centre is working to prepare unified text books of science and maths in the intermediate stage.

Zayed message

ABU DHABI, July 31, (KUNA): UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan yesterday urged the Non-Aligned Movement to work for tackling pressing issues and called for peace in the Middle East, the Gulf and other areas.

He also called for disarmament in his message to the movement's conference which began in New Delhi on Friday.

Anti-smoking union

THE establishment of the Arab Union for Anti-Smoking will be announced officially during the Arab Conference for Anti-Smoking to be held in Amman at the beginning of next September, official sources in Jordan said.

The three-day conference will be attended by representatives from Arab countries and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The conference will discuss the basis of the charter for forming the union and selecting Amman as its headquarters for uniting efforts towards eradicating the smoking habit in the Arab world.

Pak embassy

A PRESS release from the embassy of Pakistan has stated that it will remain closed on August 2 and 3, 1989 on account of celebration of Islamic New Year - 1410 Hijra.

The embassy will re-open on August 5 as usual.

Arab organisations supported by Kuwait

Contributions 20pc or more

KUWAIT has always furthered the development of Arab economic unity and action and was the first to enter into any economic pact signed by Arab countries, setting an illustrious example for others to follow, according to a study issued by the Department of Economic Research at the Ministry of Finance.

The study undertook identifying the exciting situation of specialised Arab organisations and determined that there has been a steady expansion in the organisational structure of most of these organisations. A marked improvement has been particularly significant in the field of administration and services at the expense of the technical sector, the study said.

Pioneer

The positive attitude of the State of Kuwait towards these specialised Arab organisations has been underscored by the relevant study which stressed that Kuwait still played a pioneering role within the framework of joint Arab economic action and endeavoured to constantly further develop it in a manner conducive to serving the objectives of the Arab nation.

Kuwait contributes 20 per cent or more to funding these organisations and has been a regular

attendee at all meetings held by the committees emanating from these organisations. On a few occasions, Kuwait hosted such meetings locally, provided all necessary facilities to ensure successful results and stepped up its financial and moral support to further develop its working potentials. Kuwait provides 25 per cent of the budget of the Arab Manuscripts Institute and pays for the headquarters rents.

Success

The study said that all Arab organisations based in Kuwait are successful in their work. It cited the Arab Planning Institute, Arab Cities Organisation, Arab Manuscripts Institute and the Judiciary Authority of OAPC. The study also said that after this long period, Kuwait has found that most of the Arab joint organisations have not achieved their objects because of the problems and obstacles they faced.

To reflect Kuwait's keenness to improve the working of the Arab organisation, it took part in the first committee set up to find ways to redress these shortcomings. After that committee terminated its activities without succeeding and the Arab organisations positions further deteriorated, Kuwait publicly

called for comprehensive reforms in the Arab organisations. Following Kuwait took important decisions by either withdrawing from some organisations or by reducing its contributions to some others. The study said that the positions of Kuwait has always been in the interests of the Arab nation and their joint ventures.

The study reveals that the increase in the Arab Organisations Structure been noticeably reflected on the total expenditures by these organisations which rose from \$31,500,000 in 1980 to \$62,991,000 in 1985.

The study further states that facts uncovered reveal that despite allegations of teamwork efforts exerted by these organisations to assert the Arab presence on the international arena, actual real life situation points to the contrary. Each and every organisation operated individually under lack of central national co-ordination.

The study maintains that these organisations operated under the absence of a unified strategy, which caused the emergency of a number of negative phenomena. Primary among these were functional duplication and the involvement by some organisations in certain tasks outside their purviews.

Enhance teachers status: Ghareer

THE chairman of Kuwait Teachers Society Omar Al Ghareer has attributed the scarcity of teachers and graduates who accept working in this job to the low payments compared to payments for other disciplines and to the social values that do not encourage or respect teachers. He also said that a delay in promotions and the big burden on teachers were added negative factors.

Ghareer pointed out that a study made by the Arab Organisation for Culture, Education and Science in 1983 showed that the teaching profession does not attract outstanding graduates with distinctive qualifications. It also showed that 70 per cent of students studying in universities and institutes that supply Arab countries with teachers do not plan to work as teachers after graduation.

The study also added that 50 per cent of students wish they can leave these universities or institutes. A further 47 per cent of working teachers said they are not satisfied with their work and another 40 per cent expressed their desire to quit their present teaching responsibilities.

Appreciation

Ghareer said that a study discussed by a seminar of teachers in the Arab Gulf states held in Qatar in 1984 showed that students of universities in many countries of the world prefer other professions to teaching for many reasons especially due to the increase of responsibilities, long hours of work, low payments compared to other professions, and a lack of appreciation of services rendered by teachers.

The official added that society does not take a respectful stand towards teachers. This stand gives students and their sponsors the justification to treat teachers badly. He added that teachers have been known to be attacked because there are no charters or laws to protect them during their work. He said that a study submitted to HH the Amir by the society about the uncivilised phenomena of attacking teachers and their social status included a proposal recommending instituting guidelines for the protection of teachers.

He added that the Education Ministry is aware of the suffering of teachers from psychological pressures. It attempted to reduce these pressures but they were not sufficient against the non-respectable social view towards teachers. The heavy responsibilities and duties of teachers do not help teachers to carry out the educational instructions of the ministry.



Banquet hosted for President

HH the Amir hosted a banquet for visiting Gambian President Dawda Kairaba Jawara and his accompanying delegation on Sunday night.

The Amir on bilateral relations and ways of developing them.

President Jawara was seen off at the airport by head of the Honorary Mission, Minister of Communications Abdullah Abdul Mohsen Al Sharhan and high officials of the Amiri Diwan and the Foreign Ministry.

Dean of admissions lays down procedures

ACTING Dean of Admissions and Registration at Kuwait University, Dr Sabah Al Qadumi said that the second batch of students accepted by the university included credit hours graduates. Scholarships are to be announced in September.

The official stressed that the university will adhere to the same admission grades in the science and arts section in the forthcoming semester.

Students who obtained general secondary certificates two years ago will be able to join the university. The university will not accept students who do not bring their civil identification cards with them, Qadumi said.

Selection

Transfers between colleges and departments will be only permissible after spending a full academic year at the college. The University Council has approved admission rates at some engineering colleges for female students, and relatives of Kuwaitis will be able to join the university but, will not be treated as Kuwaitis in selecting specialties.

Transfer from other universities will be granted to students who have completed 30 credit hours with a 3.5 grade point average.

Personal interviews conducted by some colleges for newly admitted students will be re-conducted during September with students who have been accepted by the university but, travelled abroad during summer.

Qadumi added that students who have not been accepted by the university could withdraw their papers in order to present them to the General Authority for Applied Education and Training. Students who have been accepted at specific colleges and have withdrawn their papers for registration during the second academic semester will be readmitted at the same college. The university had a bad experience with regards to registration through computers and adequate measures will be taken in case the same system is implemented. However, the university may cancel the system and return to the same old manual method of registration.

Operations

The admission and registration section will witness developments in work operations and will organise a number of courses for employees.

Meanwhile, Qadumi pointed out that the number of registered students at the end of the second academic semester for the academic year 88-89 amounted to 12,000 students and that the number of teaching staff is nearly 900.

Conditions for transfers between colleges will be announced next October and Kuwaiti students should have grades of 85.5 per cent for girls and 92.7 per cent for boys to register at the medicine college. For admission of expatriates the minimum grade is 95.2 per cent.

Bahrain population census in 1991

MANAMA, July 31, (GNA): Within the framework of efforts exerted by the Bahraini government to update its records in various spheres, the local Central Statistics Bureau is preparing to carry out a public census of population and residences during the first half of 1991.

The head of the bureau Sheikh Mohammad Atiyatullah Al Khalifa has told *Akhbar Al Khaleej* newspaper that the proposed census has a special value as it would coincide with the celebration of the silver jubilee anniversary of the first public census in Bahrain.

He added that the process will be three-fold as it would include the inventorisation of existing economic, social as well as residential buildings.

Changes

The main objective of the census is to identify the social and economic changes of Bahraini society since the census of 1981, Sheikh Mohammad said.

The other objective is to make available the required data on the labour force in the country whereby to help accelerate the government's Bahrainisation plan and help the development of social and economic plans.



Hawalli policemen honoured

Hawalli Governor, Abdullah Al Barges yesterday honoured three policemen for the efforts exerted in their security duties. He called upon them to continue exerting such efforts to protect the country. Lt Col Fahd Al Khumairi and Capt. Abdul Amir Muhanna attended.

Doha residents complain of shortages in public services

CITIZENS at Doha residential area are complaining of shortages in utilities and some services. A large section of Doha residents pointed out that the area does not have a youth centre and a public wedding hall. They added that telephone services are not up to standard and that public gardens are not well kept.

A local daily highlighted the opinions of a number of residents living in Doha.

Ahmad Abbas Hedar, a teacher by profession said that Doha is a very small area and suggested that it be joined to Sulaybiyah. He pointed out that the large number of names assigned to these areas have caused confusion to postal and other services.

He added that many streets in the area require paving and that other already paved streets are old and require restoration. He said that tribal disputes have adversely affected the smooth functioning of the Doha Co-operative Society board of directors. He demanded a renewal of membership to avoid such tribal disputes.

He pointed out that services presented by the Doha Co-op have improved and said that negligence witnessed at some services is due to bad management and debts of previous administrations.

Mohammed Ghanem, an employee at Kuwait Municipality said that Doha is considered one of the new areas in Kuwait and is well advanced with regards to services but, lacks a youth centre and an independent municipality.

Jasem Al Shemari said that the current board of directors of Doha Co-operative Society have

presented many good services and therefore, he demanded that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour extend the membership of the society's board of directors. He said that the area suffers from telephone problems and that it is hard to obtain a telephone line.

Abdul Rahman Al Mtairi said that as share holders at Doha Co-operative Society they did not receive any profits since 19 years and that the society lacks many commodities. He added that Doha has no wedding hall nor a youth centre.

Anwar Hussain Al Enzi said that the area faces an obvious lack in services if compared with other areas. Public gardens are being neglected, telephone services are bad and the sewage overflows at most times. He pointed out that Doha area is one that is totally neglected by the authorities and requires better concern.

The Mukhtar of Doha area, Melisen Nhar Al Mhailan said that Doha is considered one of the old and popular areas in Kuwait. He suggested that Sulaybiyah area be joined with Doha which is bigger in size. He added that the Doha Co-operative Society has faced many problems in the past due to bad previous management. The current board of directors appointed by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour has come a long way since it took over management, the official said.

He added that the area lacks a youth centre due to the fact that there are no youth gathering locations and that other centres and recreational facilities are quite a long distance from the vicinity of Doha.

Interior Ministry computerises work

THE Computer Centre at Ministry of the Interior has formulated plans to utilise computers in the process of undertaking driving tests and in addressing various formalities related to issues of nationality and immigration.

Speaking of the on-going computerisation process, Fahd Jaafar, director of the Computer Centre at Ministry of the Interior said that the ministry is increasingly upgrading and

speeding up its services with the use of computer technology. Computers now undertake formalities such as renewing and issuing driving licences, processing entry visas for immigrants, providing data banks of information systems for Kuwait Municipality and similar feedback on arrivals and departures at the airport and other exits. Computers are also increasingly being relied on to complete for-

malities related to issuance and follow-up of Kuwaiti passports and residence permits.

Officers at the General Traffic Administration will now have to rigidly follow the schedule of appointments for conducting driving tests programmed into the computer. The enhanced use of computers in several applications will positively contribute to the absorption of Kuwaiti cadres, Jaafar said.

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War in Cambodia hovering to a close

Contradictions emerge

AFTER nearly 20 years of almost unimaginable savagery that may have taken the lives of 1 million people, the war in Cambodia may be coming to an end.

But then again it may not. As 19 foreign ministers and UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar gathered in an ornate chamber in the heart of Paris on a rainy Sunday, there was general agreement that the war has gone on long enough and that there should be a withdrawal of Vietnamese troops. Even the Vietnamese, faced with an economic and social disaster of their own at home, have agreed to pull out by Sept 27.

But US officials concede nothing is simple in Southeast Asia, as the United States and France found out to their cost in two wars since 1945. The positions put forward by the United States and other countries, including the members of the Southeast Asian association of nations (ASEAN) reflect some of the contradictions that remain.

They say that the war in Cambodia is not a civil war, but is a result of the Vietnamese invasion. They do not add that the Vietnamese invaded Cambodia — at least in part — because of the primitive savagery of the murderous Khmer Rouge, a dedicated band of killers who may be unequalled in recent history.

Another contradiction that emerged in the statements opening the conference in Paris, which is expected to last at least a month, is over principles.

Secretary of State James Baker said Sunday that the United States would recognise the will of the Cambodian people in free and fair elections. That is one principle.

But, he also said another principle is that the United States would not accept any result that would include the leaders of the Khmer Rouge if they were to come to power or even any of the Khmer Rouge if they were to have a significant part in a transitional government.

Wisdom

What if, in their wisdom, the Cambodian voters chose somebody whom the United States considers to be a follower of the Khmer Rouge that wiped out one third of the nation?

Asked that question, US officials paused, paused again, and then said, "that is a hypothetical situation that is not likely to occur."

But the history of Southeast Asia, the same official also conceded, is that Murphy's Law applies — the worst possible thing usually happens.

These officials think that this time it is so unlikely that the Khmer Rouge or the Vietnamese-backed factions will emerge successful in any elections that it is not worth considering.

But nobody, these officials conceded, has put down on paper a model for the kind of transition government that will be required to run the country after a war in which the various factions have been busily killing each other for the last ten years.

There is agreement there will be a United Nations force, called the International Control Mechanism. That vague description of the UN role is a sign that none of the major parties agrees on how much power this unborn international peace force would have, or even if it would be armed. That will have to be fought out in the UN Security Council, where each of the five major powers has a veto.

There is also no agreement on who will take the Cambodian seat in the United Nations, and when.

There is also no agreement on how the larger powers — particularly the United States and China — should conduct themselves about sending arms to their allies. Should they send weapons to their allies if they are threatened by outside interference?

PRESS REVIEW

Esztella: A Soviet paper expected the Afghan opposition forces will not be in a good shape if they did not achieve military success against Kabul's government until next autumn.

Esztella, an evening newspaper, said that the winter season with its cold weather will hinder the supply of military equipments to the mujahedeen.

The daily quoted military experts that the mujahedeen will launch an attack against the city of Kabul next August, and the mujahedeen worry over a possible failure to achieve tangible victories against the government, because this will shake US's confidence in the Afghan opposition's military capabilities, and therefore Washington will be forced to change its current policy towards Afghanistan.

The Soviet paper expressed doubt over the opposition's ability to gain victory saying that there are rifts and differences between the different opposition factions. (KUNA)

Daily Express (Conservative) on Iran: "The West has every reason to be cautiously optimistic about the election of Iran's new leader, Hashemi Rafsanjani. Toward the end of the Ayatollah Khomeini's reign, it was Rafsanjani who offered the more reasonable face of Islamic fundamentalism to the world... at the same time, the divide between the secular and sacred faces of Iran has widened, with the religious leadership now in the hands of Ali Khamenei."

"But, despite the superficial moves toward a more moderate style, the West must maintain a healthy scepticism about the nature of the changes. Only yesterday (Sunday) the same old violently extremist face of the revolution was on show when Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi threatened retaliation against America and Israel for the kidnapping of a Muslim fanatic in Lebanon. He also insisted the death penalty against Salman Rushdie stood." (AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1560 — Scotland's Parliament abolishes papal jurisdiction and approves a Calvinistic confession of faith, thus founding Church of Scotland.

1664 — Turks are defeated at St. Gotthard-on-the-Raab in Hungary by Holy Roman Empire troops.

1779 — French fleet takes over domination of English Channel. 1790 — British under Horatio Nelson destroy French fleet off Aboukir (Battle of the Nile), cutting Napoleon Bonaparte's communications with Europe.

1807 — Jerome Bonaparte is created King of Westphalia, formed from former Prussian possessions west of Elbe river.

1904 — Japan declares war on China over Korea question.

1922 — Britain, France and Italy warn Greece against attempted occupation of Palestine.

1947 — United Nations calls for ceasefire in Indonesia, where revolutionaries are fighting the Dutch.

1950 — Belgium's King Leopold III abdicates in favour of Prince Baudouin.

1958 — Jordan's King Hussein dissolves Federation of Jordan with Iraq.

1960 — Unsuccessful attempt to assassinate President Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana when bomb is thrown at his car.

1963 — Britain agrees to grant independence to Malta in 1964.

1971 — Defence department announces pullout of almost 3,000 US troops from Vietnam.

1972 — Death toll rises to more than 350 in floods that swept across parts of Philippine capital of Manila and 14 provinces of Luzon Island.

1975 — Leaders of 35 nations at summit meeting in Helsinki, Finland, affirm broad charter for peace in Europe.

1988 — US Secretary of State George Shultz meets in Guatemala City with foreign ministers of four Central American nations deeply divided over Nicaragua.



In a staged show of appreciation for the Army's work in 'putting down the counter-revolutionary rebellion,' Beijing residents offer soldiers new insoles for their shoes.

China subjected to intense propaganda blitz

Brainwashing Beijing

ON the night of June 3, Chinese tanks and troops moved into central Beijing to crush the biggest anti-government protest in 40 years of communist rule.

That much is agreed.

On what happened next, there is total discrepancy between official accounts and those of witnesses, foreign governments, and media.

"Many in the big cities, especially Beijing, do not believe it, because they have personal experience of the protest, knew someone involved or have access to foreign radio or newspapers," he said.

The country's one billion people have been subjected to the most intense propaganda blitz, carried out in newspapers, television, radio, films and in study meetings, since the radical Cultural Revolution of 1966-76.

Beijing people are being given free tickets by their work units to see a film showing the Communist Party, whose revolutionary spirit they should study, fighting the Japanese and the Nationalists in the 1930s and 40s.

This month tourist hotels in Beijing were ordered to stop selling foreign and Hong Kong newspapers and magazines, although foreign residents can still have them delivered.

The targets of the ban are Chinese in the hotels who read the foreign accounts and sometimes make copies to take home.

Officials in big state corporations and journalists say they have to attend up to four study sessions a week, two hours at a time, at which the official line is expounded. Many are being required to explain their views.

An office worker said the pressure of numerous study sessions had made her doubt her own version of events.

"Having heard the official line so many times, I am beginning to doubt what I saw," she said.

Those applying to go abroad have to write an account of what they did during nearly three months of protest. It is verified with friends, neighbours and colleagues.

Version

The official version is that a small number of people exploited student protests to overthrow the party and that the government had no alternative but to use force.

It puts casualties at 200 civilians and tens of security forces dead and 3,000 civilians and 6,000 security forces injured. Only the security forces have been mourned.

Witnesses and foreign news reports say hundreds, perhaps thousands were killed, mostly civilians, after the Army opened fire with machine-guns at random.

"I am glad it is peaceful again," said an elderly cleaning woman. "I never went to see the protests. Who would want to? It was dangerous and chaotic. Now we can go to work in peace."

This is a common opinion among elderly and middle-aged people and those loyal to the party, said a Chinese journalist who was on Tiananmen Square when the troops moved in.

"They had no interest in the protest, had no first-

hand knowledge and readily accept the party line," he said. "It is the opposite among young people, who witnesses things for themselves and disbelieve the party anyway."

"The students put out too many rumours, many of them not true, like the death of Deng Xiaoping. They were using them for their own purposes. But it reduces their credibility," he said.

A taxi driver said the propaganda was effective on many people because it was constant and one-sided and they had no other source of information and did not dare to discuss the matter with anyone except close friends and family.

"But the propaganda does not work on those who saw what happened or had relatives killed. They just keep quiet for the present. The soldiers should not have opened fire on the people. History will deliver the true verdict," he said.

He said there were fewer study sessions at his taxi firm than at state corporations and organisations involved in ideology, propaganda, education or news.

"Ours are more relaxed. The leader reads the latest article in the press and talks about it. We do not have to express an opinion if we don't want to. Those who do, support the official line. We have wives and children to think of," he said.

The official said many young people in despair over the future, were trying to leave China. "They are waiting for the old men to die, but when will that be?"

Many people sleep overnight outside foreign embassies in Beijing to be at the front of queues for visas.

"At least one big company has banned resignations and others will follow," the official said. "They want to stop their bright young people from leaving."

Those applying to go abroad need approval of their employer. Fearful the employer will not grant it, many resign first and then apply.

"Rumours are going around that it will be almost impossible to go abroad next year. How can I get out?" the official said. (Beijing — Reuters)

Nationalist feuds revived

Gorbachev unleashes hopes of freedom

MIKHAIL Gorbachev's policies, in unleashing hopes of freedom in East Europe, have opened the door to a revival of age-old nationalist feuds.

Hungarians are protesting Romania's treatment of their kinfolk; Yugoslavia is torn by ethnic strife; and now Bulgarians and Turks are battling it out, as Peter Manolov testifies.

The bearded Manolov, a writer, is secretary of Bulgaria's independent Association for the Defence of Human Rights. In an interview in Paris, he spoke of clashes this month between the Bulgarian Army and ethnic Turks.

According to reports reaching an international human rights conference here, the violence has left more than a dozen dead and scores wounded, and has sparked the daily departure to Turkey of between 3,000 and 5,000 ethnic Turks.

Tension between Slavs and the Turkish minority has existed since Ottoman rule. The present chapter dates to 1984 when Bulgarian leader Todor Zhivkov required that ethnic Turks change their name to Slavic ones, banned public use of the Turkish language, jammed Turkish radio stations, and closed most mosques.

"This was before the Gorbachev era," Manolov says. "Our intellectuals were unprepared to take a position."

After the reform-minded Soviet leader's rise to power, organised dissent spread in Bulgaria. In January 1988, the unofficial rights group was founded. Composed at first mostly of Bulgarian intellectuals, it soon numbered 3,000 members — two-thirds of them ethnic Turks.

"We were inspired by what was happening in the Soviet Union," he explains. "We just wanted glasnost and perestroika here."

The Zhivkov regime responded harshly. In January, Manolov and six other activists were arrested. He was freed after he went on a hunger strike.

"I told my interrogators that we were doing the same thing as Gorbachev in the Soviet Union..." Manolov recalls. "They would respond, 'Stop talking about the Soviet Union, stop talking about that man.'"

Manolov refused. His group began to organise Turkish resistance to forced "Bulgarianisation." It published a three-point proviso on May 18 calling for the return of original names, the right to speak Turkish, and the right to practice Islam freely. To press their point, Turkish activists went on hunger strike.

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German overtures

Making up for WW II

FIFTY years after Hitler attacked Poland and launched the war that divided Europe, West Germany is trying to help the Polish people out of an economic morass.

It is not an entirely altruistic effort, as West Germany is struggling to cope with a tide of ethnic German immigrants from Poland and Polish labourers driven westward by the poverty at home.

For West Germans, the financial aid and moral support for Poland's economic and political reforms are a way of atoning for World War II and improving diplomatic relations and trade with the Warsaw government.

Bonn would like 1989 to be the start of a new era in German-Polish relations, deflecting attention from the 50th anniversary of the Sept 1, 1939, invasion by Nazi Germany.

The Polish parliament, Sejm, has invited West Germany to send delegates to solemn observances marking the invasion anniversary.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl also plans to visit Poland in September or October, the first official trip by a Federal chancellor in more than a decade. If he goes, it would be to sign a financial aid package.

German-Polish ties have been burdened by memories of the Nazi forces that crushed the Polish Army in September 1939 and then imposed a brutal occupation that left 6 million Polish citizens dead, half of them Jewish.

After the war, Poland came under communist rule and joined the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact military alliance. West Germany, formed from the ruins of the Third Reich, became a key member of the US-led NATO alliance.

Former Chancellor Willy Brandt broke the ice in 1970 when he journeyed to Warsaw to sign the German-Polish normalisation treaty — one of the first major steps in East-West détente. But relations since then have not been smooth.

West Germany is Poland's biggest trading partner in the West, as well as its biggest creditor among Western nations that are collectively owed \$39 billion. That is the equivalent of more than \$1,000 per person in Poland.

Government sources in Bonn say debt relief negotiations between Kohl's chief foreign affairs adviser, Horst Teltschik, and Ernest Kuczyca of Poland's Central Committee Foreign Affairs Department, have made major strides toward completion of an agreement.

The package would, in effect, provide economic aid in return for assurances that the living conditions of ethnic Germans in Poland would be improved.

Straying

Smarter than NATO suggestions earlier this year that Bonn was straying eastward, Kohl has been careful to work within Western frameworks to aid Poland: the "Paris Club" of creditor nations and the group of seven wealthy democracies that gathered in the French capital in mid-July.

Kohl pushed the G-7 to endorse a major delivery of European surplus foods to Poland to alleviate shortages, and he also got the leading industrial states to schedule a special session to discuss East-bloc aid.

Bonn has also agreed to reschedule DM2.5 billion (\$1.32 billion) of the Warsaw government's debt and to effectively forgive the DM1 billion (\$526 million) jumbo credit afforded Poland in 1975. That debt will be paid off in non-convertible zlotys, which Bonn will use to finance education and cultural projects for the ethnic German population in Poland.

West Germany's concern for millions who can claim German nationality is one reason for promoting debt relief. About one third of present-day Poland was once German territory, and as living conditions have deteriorated and emigration barriers have fallen, hundreds of thousands have sought refuge in West Germany.

In 1988 alone, 140,000 Poles of German ancestry opted for "resettlement," and another 30,000 Poles sought political asylum.

Compounding that economic and social burden are thousands of other Poles who visit on tourist visas and work illegally at manual-labour jobs scorned by many Germans.

Even at the cut-rate wages paid to illegal workers, Poles can often earn enough hard currency during a few weeks' vacation to sustain their families for months.

The average Polish wage earner takes home only about 105,000 zlotys monthly, or \$125 at the official exchange rate.

The Polish workers' help fill a void in the German labour market, but they are resented in a nation with more than 8 per cent unemployment and growing anti-foreigner sentiments.

Another incentive is increased trade between West Germany — the world's largest exporter — and Poland, on which Bonn depends for cheap agricultural goods and raw materials.

In a late-July report on trade trends, the central Bundesbank disclosed that exports to Poland have been rising dramatically this year. The first five months of 1989 showed what would be a 67 per cent annual increase over last year's volume of \$5.4 billion.

Quote me

"Whether this report is true or not, I know I speak for all here when I try to express to our American people the sense of outrage that we will feel about this kind of brutality, this uncalculated terrorism." — US President George Bush about the hanging of American hostage Col William R. Higgins in Lebanon.

"The offer stands because we are aware of the precarious position of foreign hostages in Lebanon and we are ready to do our share if it is possible to liberate them." — Avi Pezner, spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, said after hearing the news of Higgins' death.

"I do not know what I can say, only to pray and ask that it is not true. It is cruel. I am really appalled." — UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said after the news of Higgins' death.

"I would hope the Israelis would take another look at some of their actions that they must know in advance would endanger American lives." — Bob Dole, Senate Republican leader said about the reports of Higgins' death.

"This is a matter of grave concern to the American people. Discouraging is not the way to conduct the foreign policy of national security policy of this country. We are not going to handle it that way." — President Bush told reporters about Higgins' death.

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Plea to cancel Rushdie play

LONDON, July 31, (Agencies): The British Broadcasting Corp. said last night it was considering a request by the Archbishop of Canterbury to withdraw a programme defending the controversial novel, *The Satanic Verses*.

The novel has caused international uproar among Muslims and driven its Indian-born author, Salman Rushdie, and his wife into hiding. They have been under British police protection since February when Iran's late religious leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, ordered Rushdie's murder because he claimed the book blasphemed Islam.

The television play entitled "The Blas-

phemers' Banquet," was scheduled for screening at 9.30 pm (20.30 GMT) today on the BBC1 national network.

The corporation said it was carefully considering the objection from Archbishop Robert Runcie spiritual head of the Anglican Church. The Guardian and other newspapers indicated the BBC would go ahead with the programme, but the BBC would not immediately confirm that.

Runcie's public affairs secretary, said he wrote last week on behalf of the archbishop to BBC director-general Michael Checkland expressing Runcie's concern about the programme's possible effect on Muslims in

Britain. Some of the 60,000 Muslims in the northern English city of Bradford were the first to burn a copy of the novel in January.

Previews of the BBC programme said its presenter, poet and playwright Tony Harrison, places a group of historical blasphemers round a Bradford restaurant table to recite some of their sayings. Among them are Voltaire, Moliere, Omar Khayyam and Lord Byron.

Runcie's secretary said Rushdie had denied any intention of blaspheming Islam and certain reforms were taking place in Iran which would make this the wrong moment to attack fundamentalism there.

Radicals issue death threats

Palestinian admits he met Shamir

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 31, (Agencies): A Palestinian attorney who held talks with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was threatened today in wall slogans signed by a radical PLO faction.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, Israeli soldiers shot and killed a 15-year-old Palestinian, Arab reports said. In Jerusalem, a Palestinian labourer stabbed and wounded his Jewish settler forerunner.

The Palestinian attorney Jamil Tarifi, 42, of the West Bank town of Ramallah disclosed at a news conference last week that he recently met with Shamir. The prime minister has held a series of meetings with Palestinians from the occupied territories, but Tarifi is the only one who has acknowledged the sessions.

Tarifi said today that he was unconcerned about death threats made against him for meeting Shamir.

Slogans painted in black on walls in Ramallah condemned the meeting between Shamir and Tarifi.

"A meeting with Shamir is a bullet shot in the back of the intifadah," or Palestinian uprising, one said. "Shame on Jamil Tarifi and all those who meet the murderers of our people."

Tarifi said in a telephone interview today that one of the slogans painted near his home warned "The bullet that killed Al Masri will reach you."

He said it was signed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a Marxist faction of the PLO led by George Habbash.

"There are political differences between the main stream in PLO and the PFLP," Tarifi acknowledged. But he said he was not sure the threats actually came from PFLP.

"It is sufficient for me that Yasser Arafat and (Fatah's No. 2 man) Salah Khalaf and the great majority of Palestinians backed by meeting with Shamir," he said.

Shamir told reporters today that any threat "is regrettable." He added that Palestinian extremists were "trying to prevent Palestinians from speaking openly."

Tarifi said he also was threatened by an anonymous phone caller whom he described as an Israeli extremist.

"An Israeli speaking Hebrew mixed with broken Arabic told me yesterday and the day before that my life is at risk," he said.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, meanwhile, stone-throwing protests erupted in at least four refugee camps, Palestinian reporters said.

Hospital officials said 15-year-old Mahmoud Yassin Saraj was fatally wounded in the neck in the Bureij camp, and died upon arrival in Gaza city's Ahli Arab hospital.

Arab doctors said they treated at least four wounded.

The Army said it was checking the reports.

Saraj's death raised to 526 the number of Palestinians killed by Army troops and Jewish settlers during the uprising. Thirty-eight Israelis have also died.

In the Atarot industrial area in Jerusalem, a 28-year-old Arab warehouse worker from the West Bank village of Bir Zeit stabbed his 39-year-old Jewish forerunner and then fled, police said.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, 15-year-old Mahmoud Yassin Saraj was fatally shot in the neck by Israeli soldiers during a confrontation in the Bureij refugee camp, Arab reporters said.

In the Balata refugee camp in the occupied West Bank, police on patrol opened fire when they were stoned, killing 12-year-old Sultan Mohammed Abu Musallam, Palestinian journalists said.

The Army confirmed both deaths and said paramilitary border police opened fire on Abu Musallam after he threw a cinderblock at a policeman.



Palestinian activist Faisal Hussein (left) talks with Labour parliamentary member Abraham Bary at a meeting at the party's Tel Aviv headquarters. (Reuter wirephoto)

Israeli officers walkout

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 31, (Reuters): Israeli officers walked out of an Army gathering when they took an Arab entertainer's anti-war song as an attack on their country's policies, newspapers reported today.

The singer was Haya Samir, the only Arab woman ever to serve in the Israeli Army, where she starred in an entertainment troupe. "They can go to hell," newspapers quoted her as saying about the weekend walkout. "I didn't intend a political song. It was a song about love."

Samir's song, her own composition in Hebrew, included these words:

"Captives of killing are drawn to it blindly,

"hungry for justice and chewing hatred,

"while calmness cries out

"to all the sons of the earth."

and these:

"Mother earth is bleeding,

"she has been wounded by war."

She performed it for the first time at a party yesterday for a southern command Chief Yitzhak Mordechai.

Mordechai's main task the last 19 months has been fighting a Palestinian uprising in the occupied Gaza Strip. He will soon take over the same responsibility in the occupied West Bank.

Amman to hold polls

King issues decree

AMMAN, July 31, (Agencies): King Hussein of Jordan today issued a royal decree calling for parliamentary elections in Jordan.

According to the 34th article of the Jordanian constitution the king is the one to order the holding of parliamentary elections.

A senior official source told Kuwait News Agency here today that the Jordanian cabinet, according to this decree, will shortly set the date for the parliamentary elections in the country.

Meanwhile, KUNA learnt that the elections will be held in the first half of next November.

King Hussein said yesterday that the government will soon announce a "national pact" to help guide the country's future.

A Jordanian official said earlier that the pact — a statement of principles — would lay and broaden political participation.

Hussein said in an interview on state-run Jordan television that the pact will be the framework for the future, based on the con-

stitution and on traditional Arab values.

"I think we are soon going to invite groups which represent schools and various other sectors to discuss the principles of the national pact," the king said.

"The national pact has to organise our work, efforts and outlooks in all walks of life," Hussein said.

A small group of top officials are discussing the pact as well as a new political group in the run-up to Jordan's first nation-wide parliamentary elections in 22 years, tentatively planned for November.

The actions follow April rioting over deteriorating economic conditions which exposed broad popular anger at government ministries, despite widespread support for the king himself.

A six-page draft of the pact obtained earlier yesterday by the Associated Press calls for tolerance of differing viewpoints, close Jordanian-Palestinian relations, improved living standards and better conditions for women.

Fatah envoys arrive in Tunis

TUNIS, July 31, (Agencies): Hundreds of delegates from Fatah, the main PLO faction, have arrived in Tunis for a congress which will fill vacancies in the leadership and review PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's peace moves.

The meeting is expected to open in the next few days, possibly on Thursday.

The 1,050 delegates will elect at least five new members to the 10-man central committee, to replace five who have been assassinated or expelled since the last congress, held in Damascus in 1980.

Abu Iyad (Saleh Khalaf), who is Arafat's deputy in Fatah, has said the new members will bring new blood to a committee dominated by men who created Fatah in Kuwait more than 25 years ago.

A substantial hardcore group within Fatah is challenging Arafat's policy of relying on diplomatic methods to bring about a Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

The group argues that Fatah should resume military operations outside the occupied territories and stand firm against further political concessions.

Arafat has already renounced terrorism and recognised Israel's right to exist in its pre-1967 borders.

Fatah leaders say Arafat will survive the criticisms, however, and win a new mandate for his leadership.

Among the many candidates for the seats on the central committee are Umm Jihad (Intissar Al Wazir), widow of assassinated military commander Abo Jihad (Khalil Al Wazir), and Hakam Balawi, the PLO's ambassador to Tunisia.

Balawi has risen to prominence as the main contact between the PLO and the United States. He regularly meets US Ambassador Robert Pelletreau, who was designated sole channel for contacts last December.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Liberation Organisation executive committee today wrapped up two days of meetings on recent Palestinian moves for Arab-Israeli peace, PLO sources said.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the meetings chaired by Arafat focused on the latest developments in the Israeli-occupied territories and proposals for a Middle East settlement.

However, they declined to say whether Arafat's four-point peace plan was discussed in the meetings.

Arafat's proposal, made last week in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia calls for ending Israel's occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip within 27 months and setting a date for the proclamation of an independent Palestinian state.

The plan still has to be reviewed and endorsed by the other PLO leaders.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Arafat, both accompanied by top aides, held talks yesterday about Palestinian issues and the situation in Lebanon.

Baghdad Television said the meeting was attended by Abdul-Hamid Al Sayeh, president of the Palestine National Council or parliament in exile, and members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's executive committee.

A senior official of the Palestine Liberation Organisation denied today press reports that the United States is pressing to postpone a general conference of Fatah, the main Palestinian command group.



By the river

Muslim children swim in a river in south Lebanon on Sunday as their parents prepare lunch in their makeshift house at the bank of the river. They are among hundreds of people who fled Beirut's carnage. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rebel rockets kill 24

KABUL, Afghanistan, July 31, (AP): Rebel rockets hit a US-built hospital, a crowded bus stop and a bicycle factory today, killing at least 24 people and injuring 58, hospital officials and UN sources said.

One rocket hit the railings outside Avicenna Hospital, showering shrapnel onto a passing minibus and pedestrians and shattering windows in the hospital, witnesses said.

A second rocket dug a crater at the edge of a bus stop about 100 yards (metres) away, spraying shrapnel on a bus and nearby shops, eyewitnesses said.

A third rocket hit a bicycle assembly plant in eastern Kabul, killing nine people, UN sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Dr Mohammad Basir Hasan, president of Avicenna Hospital, said eight people died and 16 were injured in the attacks there. Some victims were believed to have been taken to other hospitals.

Among the dead was the hospital's pharmacist, Haji Sher Mohammad, who was riding to work on his bicycle, Hasan said.

At the bus stop, crowds gathered later around a hastily dug grave at the side of a shop, where parts of the victim's bodies had been buried. On top was one torn black leather shoe and a chunk of metal from the rocket.

In front of the crater was the mangled wood and straw remains of what witnesses said was a stall that sold chocolate and other sweets.

The casualties raised to at least 281 the number of people killed in rocket attacks on the capital this month as US-backed Muslim rebels fight to overthrow the Soviet-supported Marxist government.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani on Saturday accused the rebels of increasing rocket attacks on Kabul to "have something in their hand" for the start of US-Soviet talks on Afghanistan in Stockholm today.

US and Soviet delegations today began two days of talks on Afghanistan, amid Soviet complaints about continued US arms shipment to the Afghan rebels.

It was the first such superpower discussion on the 10-year Afghan civil war since the last Soviet troops left the country Feb 15. The meeting is part of a series of US-Soviet consultations on regional issues.

Afghanistan was the only agenda item but US embassy spokesman Jim Borup did not rule out the possibility that other issues might come up.

An American official in Washington said earlier that the

Saudis key aid donors

Campaign to help refugees

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, July 31, (AP): Saudi Arabia, already a major donor country, is prepared to help resettle nearly 6 million Afghan refugees who fled their war-torn homeland, Saudi officials say.

The United Nations says the repatriation from refugee camps in Pakistan and Iran will be the largest in its annals. The move has been delayed because of continued fighting in Afghanistan between the Marxist government forces and the Muslim rebel factions.

International relief workers in Afghanistan estimate it will take at least \$1 billion to start rebuilding the country and billions more for several years to make it habitable for the refugees.

The Saudis have already provided large donations to the refugees. Since 1980, the oil-rich country has sent more than 100 plane loads and 1,000 containers of clothes, medical supplies, kerosene and foodstuffs to the refugees, officials said.

A source at the Muslim World League office in Riyadh estimated the Saudi aid to the Afghan rebels and refugees was worth 1 billion riyals (about \$270 million) in money and supplies.

"The repatriation would be no less huge and significant than the Jihad (holy war) and will require tremendous funds and efforts," said Abdulrahman Al Moayyed, the director of the office.

Two-thirds of the refugees live in camps in Pakistan. The rest are in Iran.

Because Saudi Arabia and Iran have no diplomatic relations, Saudi aid is distributed only to the refugees in Pakistan. Some Saudis have volunteered to fight for the rebels, joining rebel groups whose headquarters are in Pakistan.

The Saudi Red Crescent, the equivalent of the Red Cross, runs seven clinics for Afghan refugees. The high commission for the collection of funds for the Afghan refugees operates two large hospitals and schools for Afghan children in Pakistan.

The Islamic Development Bank, which gets 25 per cent of its funding from Saudi Arabia, has spent nearly \$2 million on health and education projects for Afghan refugees.

Saudi Arabia harbours an estimated 250,000 refugees of various nationalities but absorbs them into the expatriate workforce.

Some 40,000 of these refugees are Afghans, according to informed sources in Riyadh.

The Saudis also provide relief to some 2.3 million other Muslim refugees scattered across the Arab world.

The Islamic Development Bank has allocated \$28 million in humanitarian aid for Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and refugees in Lebanon.

Other funds go to mostly Muslim refugees in Malawi, Sudan, Djibouti, Somalia, Cameroon and Sri Lanka.

Saudi Arabia is the world's leading development aid donor, relative to gross national product.

An Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development report estimated Saudi aid in 1987 at \$2.9 billion, 3.42 per cent of GNP. By comparison, OECD figures show the United States provided aid worth \$8.9 billion in 1987, 0.2 per cent of GNP.

Saudi Arabia's generosity stems in part from its important role in Islam. The royal family is custodian of Islam's holiest shrines in Makkah and Medina, a key pillar of its legitimacy among the world's 1 billion Muslims.

The Riyadh office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said about 790 per cent of the world's estimated 14.4 million refugees are Muslim.

The King Faisal Foundation, a philanthropic organisation run by the late king's sons, has financed humanitarian aid projects for the Afghans worth \$1 million.

United States would ask the Soviets for help in trying to win the release of Americans held hostage in Lebanon by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslims.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said US Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly, leading the American delegation, would also press the US view that supplying arms to

Iran could destabilise the Gulf region.

The Soviet delegation, headed by Ambassador Nikolai Kozyrev, was expected to bring up continuing Soviet complaints about US assistance to the Muslim rebels, or mujahedeen.

The Soviet Union provides the Afghan government with \$3 billion a year in weapons.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Reshuffle likely

CAIRO, July 31, (KUNA): A ministerial reshuffle of the Egyptian cabinet is expected to be announced in August, according to press reports here today.

The opposition "Al Wafd" daily, quoting unnamed government sources, said today the new reshuffle is to be made in compliance to request by Premier Dr Ataf Sedki, currently receiving medical treatment in the United States.

The paper, organ of "Al Wafd" opposition party, attributed to the sources that Dr Sedki requested his relief from the premiership due to the poor health condition.

UK hopeful

LONDON, July 31, (KUNA): The British government said today that it hopes that the election of Hashemi Rafsanjani as the new president of Iran "will herald a new period of stability in that country."

Responding to a query by newsmen, a British Foreign Office spokesman said that "it offers an opportunity for Iran to return to the international community."

"We shall be watching developments very closely, and as we have said before we have no wish to intervene in Iran's internal affairs, nor will we accept Iran's intervention in our affairs."

Nu'man in Jeddah

JEDDAH, July 31, (KUNA): The Prime Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen Yasin Said Nu'man and the accompanying delegation was received here last night by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, during which major issues were discussed.

The Saudi Press Agency quoted Nu'man as saying that his visit is aimed at exchanging views and consultation and expanding co-operation that serves the interest of the two countries and the unity of the Arab and Islamic rank.

Austria criticised

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 31, (AP): the Iranian Foreign Ministry charged yesterday that the Austrian government is playing a "suspicious political game" in naming Iranian diplomats as suspects in the assassination of a Kurdish resistance leader in Vienna.

The Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted an unidentified Foreign Ministry official as saying that Austrian authorities are not investigating the July 13 shooting death of Abdul Rahman Qassemi, leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran.

Instead they are pursuing a "political game and propaganda warfare," IRNA quoted the official as saying.

Help sought

TUNIS, July 31, (KUNA): The General Union of Palestinian Women called here yesterday on all international and humanitarian organisations and institutions to send fact-finding missions to occupied Palestine to closely inspect the inhuman practices committed against Palestinian children and women in the Israeli prison camps.

The union, in a statement issued here yesterday on the occasion of the Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Prisoners, urged those organisations and institutions to try to stop the inhuman practices and violation of the Palestinian people's national rights and to put pressure on Israel to close all prison camps especially the desert camp on Ansur 3.

4 villagers killed

ERUJ, Turkey, July 31, (AP): Suspected Kurdish rebels raided a village in southeastern Turkey and killed four people, the semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported yesterday.

The agency said a group of 15 rebels shot to death two guards as they raided the Gulturun village last Saturday night.

A villager and a newly-born infant were burned to death when the Kurds set two houses afire, the report said.

The Kurds took two youths with them as they fled the village after the attack, the report said.

Envoys named

VATICAN CITY, July 31, (AP): Pope John Paul II today appointed two veteran Vatican diplomats as new envoys to Lebanon and Portugal.

Archbishop Pablo Puente, a 58-year-old Spaniard, was named apostolic nuncio, or ambassador, to Lebanon. He was serving as ambassador to Senegal.

In the Lebanese post he succeeds Archbishop Luciano Angeloni, 71, an Italian, who was named ambassador to Portugal.

King plans trip

AMMAN, July 31, (Reuters): Jordan's King Hussein plans to fly to Saudi Arabia today for talks with King Fahd on the Middle East and Jordan's economic problems, an official said.

He said the king, accompanied by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker and Foreign Minister Marwan Qassem, will discuss Arab efforts to try to end the fighting in Lebanon.

King Fahd is a member of a three-nation committee set up by an Arab League summit in Morocco in May to tackle the Lebanese crisis.

US cruiser

ISTANBUL, July 31, (AP): A US Navy cruiser sailed into the Istanbul port today en route to the Soviet Black Sea port of Sebastopol, a port source reported.

The source who requested anonymity identified the vessel as the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser Thomas Gates, which dropped anchor in front of the 18th-century Ottoman Dolmabahce palace on the bank of the Bosphorus waterway.

The cruiser will cross the Bosphorus strait on August 3 en route to the Soviet port, one day after the cruiser Belknap and fast frigate Kauffman sail into the Black Sea, Turkish and US embassy officials said last week.

VIDEO CORNER

Faye Dunaway and Klaus Maria Brandauer in *Burning Secret*.

High quality period piece

Through a child's eyes

By Shaun Seekins

BURNING SECRET stars Faye Dunaway and Klaus Maria Brandauer in a handsome high quality period piece set in Europe. Set during the winter of 1919, the story is told through the eyes of Edmund Tuckman (played by newcomer David Eberts), a lonely 12-year-old and the only child of a stable but essentially passionless marriage. He has been taken for a week's treatment in an Austrian mountain resort by his aloofly beautiful mother Sonya (Faye Dunaway) with whom he shares a mutually dependent relationship. Also staying at their luxurious hotel and receiving treatment for a war wound is a mysterious Baron (Brandauer) who courts the friendship of the wide-eyed Edmund with tales of his bloody wartime experiences, but before long it becomes clear that Sonya is his real target.

As she begins to respond to his dangerous charms, so Edmund becomes increasingly excluded from and threatened by a complex world he barely comprehends. The two adults begin to lie to him to get him out of their way and struggling with feelings of betrayal and jealousy, the boy becomes devious himself as he tries to obstruct their growing intimacy.

Just as Sonya is about to capitulate to the Baron, risking her marriage and reputation, Edmund has a serious asthma attack which temporarily stops his mother on the brink. But she is soon drawn back into the Baron's web and when on New Year's Eve Edmund finally interrupts them together, he runs away back to his father in Vienna.

Based on a Stefan Zweig story, it is the first film by Andrew Birkin as a director. It has dazzling locations and the costumes are very well done. Dunaway and Brandauer give coolly articulate, controlled performances which are intelligent and absorbing.

The *Lost Idol* is a good adventure story about a platoon of soldiers who stumble upon a priceless gold statue in an abandoned Kam-puchean temple. Overcome by greed the commanding officer, Lt. Oliver, cold bloodedly murders his men and dynamites the temple entrance, hoping to reclaim the idol at the end of the war. Only one man, Sgt. Kurt, manages to escape.

14 going on 30 is the title of a new Walt Disney family comedy. Through a 'growth acceleration' invention, teenager Danny O'Neil is transformed into an adult in a desperate move to lure his favourite teacher, Miss Noble away from her gym coach fiancé. When the adult Danny is mistaken by the school principal's newly hired replacement, he romances Miss Noble and ends up by turning the school into every student's dream.

Tanamarra is a new best-seller set in Singapore during WW2, when a childhood friendship with the beautiful Chinese girl, Julie Soong, develops into love. John Dexter finds that the thing he wants most is denied him. Coming from a family just as proud and powerful as the English Dexters, Julie is too bound by strict social taboos. A life together would be unthinkable. But John and Julie do their utmost to test the unwritten laws that separate them.

The *Boys From The Blackstuff* is a new British comedy set on Merseyside about a

gang of characters who tarmac roads for a living. *Storeyboard* is a collection of three one hour dramas, any one of which would provide the springboard for a new TV series. The first, *Making News*, is set in the hectic world of international TV news gathering. The recently launched satellite news channel, TNC has acquired a brash new owner. So as the TNC reporters cover war zones and other exciting stories, there are battles too back in the London studios. And a sinister incident involving an M16 man becomes an explosive story in more ways than one. Also released on the same tape are *A Question of Commitment* and *Hunted Down*.

Take Me Home is a romantic drama set in England. Taxi-driver Tom is waved down on wet and windy night by a beautiful girl who has had a row with her husband. A traumatic first encounter leads to further meetings and an affair begins.

The new Gloria Estefan Homecoming concert has the sell-out crowd dancing and screaming in appreciation of the Latin-American salsa spiced pop favourites. Ms. Estefan shows no sign of road-fatigue or staleness after playing almost all of the major US cities on their smash "Let It Loose" tour, and is totally in control as she goes through all their well known hits. The highlight must surely be the old favourite "Conga" set to the pulsating beat of the conga drums, an excellent music video from Gloria!!!

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas, Farwaniya, Video Nauf, Salmiya, Tel: 2432809; and Video Club, Salmiya, Tel: 5724372.

Turner, Martin pit wits for love and money

Cranium cracked open

By Gail Seery

KATHLEEN TURNER certainly gets some rotten roles. In *Peggy Sue Gets Married*, she has a heart attack and flips back to the fifties, and in *Julia and Julia*, she lives in a fantasy world and kills people; though in *The Accidental Tourist* she arguably strikes lucky when she loses William Hurt to another woman.

I think I have enjoyed her performance in *The Man With Two Brains* more than any other role — and playing alongside the frenetic Steve Martin cannot be particularly easy.

She plays a sadistic wife, who gets her kicks out of driving a succession of husbands into a frenzy. Unfortunately for her, the last man on her list turns out to be brilliant brain surgeon

Michael Hfuhruhurr, played with comic brilliance by Martin. "When I saw how slimy the human brain was, I just knew what I wanted to do with the rest of my life," he tells a keen reporter, seconds before literally running into Dolores (Kathleen Turner) who is fleeing from the scene of one of her triumphs. There's a brilliantly comic moment when he passes an urgent message to a three-year-old who repeats it perfectly, and then comments, "Looks like a subdural haematoma to me."

Hfuhruhurr has perfect a new means of entering the skull which does not involve the patient's head being shaved. This is the Cranial screwtop method — complete with safety child lock. He operates on Dolores and finds himself irresistibly attracted to her — with more than a little help from the lady herself. He defends his attraction to the portrait of his dead wife: "OK, I've had the top of her head off, but that's as far as it went."

The pair have a bed-side marriage, and Dolores settles down to torture him — her constant headache keeps him perpetually on the boil and in a state of tension. "I can't wait till next Thursday," she tells him ardently. "My headache should be gone by then." Gradually he realises what sort of a woman he has married, and announces a citizen's divorce — only she has just heard that he has inherited a fortune, and is determined to keep him — even if it means being nice to him.

To complicate matters, he has now fallen in love — with the brain of Anne Uumellmahyey, which lives in a glass jar in the laboratory of Dr Alfred Necessiter, a fiendish scientist. He kidnaps Anne — but finds himself faced with wifely jealousy from Turner: "How many men do you think there are around here who look exactly



Steve Martin: frenetic

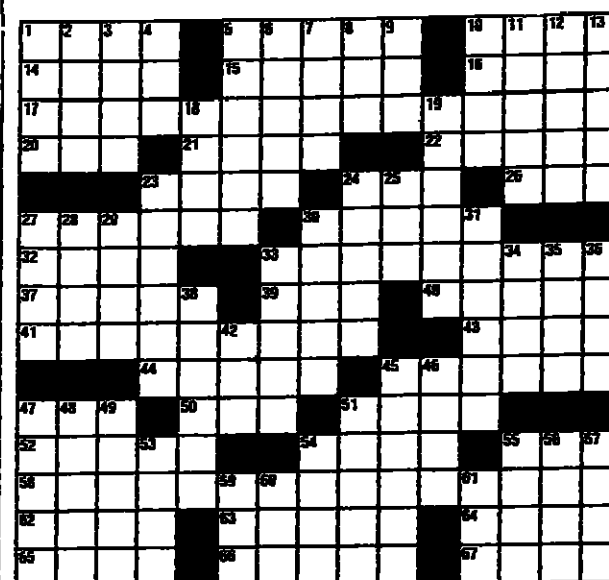
like you and have brains in jars?" she challenges. But although he fortuitously learns the real truth about her decision to stay with him, he has a major problem — Anne's brain is dying and he must find a new body for it if he is to keep her alive.

Martin is on true form, but in this early (1983) film, directed by Carl Reiner, most of the story line is little more than a vehicle for his particular type of comedy. "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" was in that sense a better example of his brilliance, because it is disciplined rather than excessive. It is impossible to appreciate all the gems in *The Man With Two Brains* at one sitting, and a good deal that would be excellent in another context is rendered commonplace by the time one struggles to the end of the action. This film is well worth seeing if you like Steve Martin.



Kathleen Turner: an enjoyable performance

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Regarding
5 Decline
10 Beaver constructions
14 Collected's complement
15 Voice range
16 Pointed arch
17 Starting point of a sort

DOWN

1 Treads the boards
2 London restaurant area
3 — the line
4 Antiquated
5 More trite
6 Author Sinclair
7 Part of a monogram: Abbr.

ACROSS

20 Turf
21 Landed
22 Abundant
23 Years
24 Scurred
26 Always, to a bard
27 Tease
30 Submerges
32 Let it stand, to the editor
33 A Jackson nickname

DOWN

37 Charger
39 Use a shuttle
40 Street show
41 Pastries
43 Gaunt
44 Tractor name
45 Choice fowl part
47 Cardinal color
50 Hill worker: Abbr.

ACROSS

51 Charges
52 Astral hunter
54 — breve
55 Touch lightly

DOWN

56 Start over again
62 Donkey, in
63 Skepticism
64 Sell
65 Evening, in
66 Humble
67 Decades

ACROSS

58 "—, Brutal!"
59 Prophet
60 Ogle
61 Marshes
63 Fantail area
64 Length x width
65 Meadows
66 Pre-Easter time
68 Negative verbal contraction

DOWN

42 Victory sign
45 "...the damned fella will —": N. Mitford
46 Raise
47 Court wear
48 Delete
49 Kitchen implement
51 Blunders
53 Sooner State: Abbr.

ACROSS

54 Greenish blue
55 Kansas Robert or Elizabeth
56 Prolific writer, for short
57 Entreats
59 Harem room
60 Weep
61 Newt

DOWN

18 Craze
19 Money manager
23 Listen to
24 Free-for-alls
25 Cape of the Bay State
27 Attention-getter

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠6 ♥AQJ6 ♦AK85 ♣AQ102

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♣ Pass Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass

What action do you take?

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J6 ♥AKQ73 ♦93 ♣AQ105

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

What do you bid now?

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠83 ♥AJ76 ♦A82 ♣AJ92

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♥ Pass

What do you bid now?

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠873 ♥AJ9 ♦104 ♣KQJ92

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

LABS ACTED RSVIP
OTOE BERLE ITEA
BROWNEOFF BERG
OIL ILET REBATE
SPARKED CAROM
YES BURNERS
ACHE CREDO DOE
COAST HUR ROUSE
ELL OMTS OPEN
REFRIED MVP
BELLE TOASTED
GRAVEL BATS EMU
LIKE OVERHEATED
ICER WILDE BOND
BODE SATYR ANDY

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠6 ♥653 ♦KJ9 ♣AK1052

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠72 ♥K87 ♦A10 ♣AKJ1052

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 1 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?



"See! I told you it's more fun when the tide's out!"



"See! I told you it's more fun when the tide's out!"

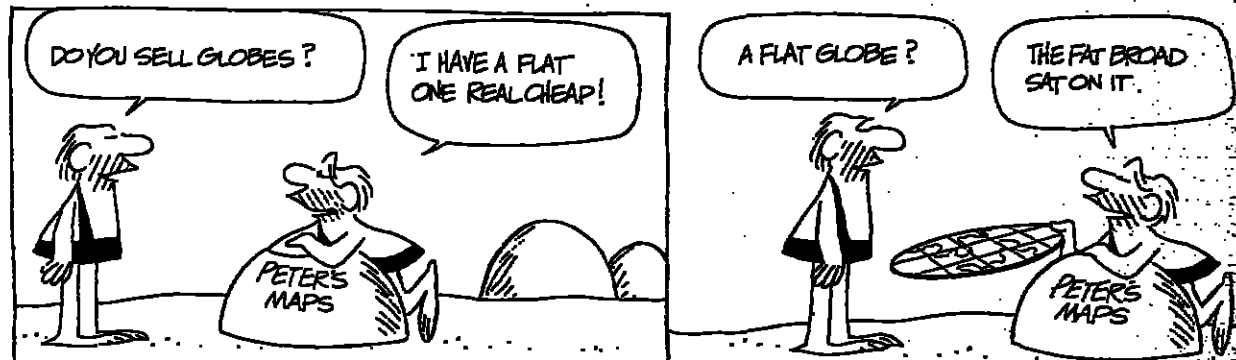
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Something you learnt to do only recently at quite a cost to yourself in time and effort will now come into its own. Someone who had made you a promise will not now keep it. Do not be angry, your turn will come. Be prudent.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Instead of wasting mental energy on trying to get your own back concentrate on getting things done. Some others will be more kindly inclined towards you. You will be able to do something you enjoy. Be objective.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

There is a lot to be done but if you get on with it you will get it done. You will think you know the answer to a problem but in fact you do not. You should be more wary of spending money on what seems to be a bargain. Be wary.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You may well find that slowly but surely is a better formula than doing things hastily and having to redo them. You will be better able to maintain harmony with your partner. Avoid making a vital decision when you are tired. Be kind.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

If you try to do more than one thing at a time you will not succeed. Something you could not do hitherto will now become possible. You should try to be more attuned to change. Be tolerant.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will tend to get lost in detail and miss the essence of the matter. A friend of yours will need your help and you should not deny it. You are more liable to mistakes so check your results. Be magnanimous.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You should not allow any external influence to upset your peace of mind. Your lucky numbers are 13 and 56. Take good care of your health, particularly your teeth. You are liable to leave an important factor out of account or out of your calculations. Be more patient.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Something you have been expecting will arrive but it will be disappointing. Never mind, you will have better luck next time. There is no reason to become discouraged by a small setback. Be sincere.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should not become exasperated if something keeps going wrong, just persevere. Do not accidentally let someone else into a secret. Listen more attentively to what others are saying. Be sensible.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

A secondary matter cannot be ignored altogether and will take rather too much of your time. A small injury should be treated carefully, neglect is dangerous. Do not resist change but avoid making changes just for the sake of change. Be tactful.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

An obstacle you had anticipated will not now materialise. However, all will not be plain sailing and you must not become careless. Do not try to behave as though you were ten years younger. Be fair.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You are liable to lose or mislay things so keep a careful track of them. You will have something to be pleased about. However, you must avoid conducting your affairs before they are hatched. Be reliable.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

World economy continues on its high growth track

Time is ripe for investing in equities

Energy File

Soviet oil output below target

MOSCOW, July 31, (Reuters): Soviet oil production is lagging increasingly behind target this year and was three million tonnes short in the six months to June, according to official statistics published yesterday.

The first half figures, issued by the state statistics committee Goskomstat and published by the government daily Izvestia, also showed the country's trade deficit worsening owing to a surge in imports.

Many of the details were announced last Friday by the committee's deputy chief, Nikolai Belov. They showed sluggish growth, wage rises far in excess of production increases and a boosted money supply likely to fuel inflation.

The latest figures put first half oil production at 304 million tonnes — 3.3 million tonnes short of planned targets. First quarter production stood at 152 million tonnes, a shortfall of 721,000 tonnes.

The foreign trade deficit was put at 1.1 billion roubles (\$1.7 billion), with imports up 2.3 per cent on last year's figures at 34.2 billion (\$53.6 billion) and exports at 33.1 billion (\$52 billion).

Figures for the first nine months of last year put exports in surplus — 49.1 billion roubles (\$77 billion) against imports of 48 billion (\$75.3 billion).

Declining export revenues are linked to drops in the price of oil and other raw materials.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev announced this month a programme to purchase imported consumer goods worth 10 billion roubles (\$16 billion) to make up chronic shortages in Soviet shops.

OPEC accord
■ ALGIERS, July 31, (OPECNA): Algerian Minister of Energy and Petrochemical Industries Sadek Boussena and the Libyan Oil Secretary Fawzi A. Shakhshuk here reviewed latest developments in the oil market.

The ministers studied early market reaction to the OPEC agreement for the second half of 1989 which sets total production for the 13 member countries at 19.5 million BPD around a reference price of \$18 a barrel.

They reiterated the need for reinforcing OPEC unity and urged strict adherence to individual output quotas to secure stable oil prices.

Oil exploration
■ MUSCAT, July 31, (OPECNA): The Omani government has awarded a two-year lease to the Houston-based Conquest exploration company to prospect for oil in the north of the sultanate, sources here have disclosed.

Under the agreement, the company will conduct seismic surveys in a 1,390 km tract in the Jebel Aswad, or Black Mountain, region.

It will be able to renew the lease for a further four years, provided it drills at least one exploratory well during each two-year term.

The accord was signed by Omani Minister of Petroleum and Minerals Ahmed Saeed Al Shafar and company president W. Franklin Hooper.

Drilling facilities
■ NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 31, (AP): Iran has concluded a deal with a Finnish company to set up oil drilling facilities and a related marine workshop in the Caspian Sea, the official Islamic news agency said last week.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, quoted a report in the latest issue of the Iranian Oil Ministry's monthly newsletter as saying the project would be carried out in 40 months and would cost \$63.6 million.

Energy links
■ ALGIERS, July 31, (OPECNA): Algeria and Chad have agreed to develop oil co-operation following a series of bilateral talks, according to government sources here.

A letter of intent to boost energy links was signed, following discussions between Algerian officials and Chad Minister of Mines and Petroleum Mahamat Senoussi Khatir.

Indian rupee18,010
Sri Lankan rupee8,500
Pakistani rupee14,110
Bangladesh taka9,060
US dollar29,495
Pound sterling49,000
Deutsche mark15,755
UAE dirham08,035
Japanese yen002,142

THE world economy continues on its high growth track, albeit at the price of sizeable inflation rates which are forcing central banks to keep a tight hold on the reins. In these circumstances there seems to be a case for weighting investments heavily towards money market instruments, although conditions are still favourable for equity positions. Given that further interest rate rises are likely, discretion is called for when putting together bond portfolios, according to Credit Suisse Bulletin.

The first six months of 1989 saw a further divergence between growth trends in mainland European countries and those of the United States and Britain. Japan's economy seems to be growing slightly more slowly while Europe accelerates. But one thing common to all industrial nations is the sustained

vigour of business fixed investment.

After adjustment for the knock-on effects of last year's drought real GNP growth in the US during the first quarter of 1989 was a mere 1.9 per cent annualised.

This was largely due to a rise of more than 10 per cent in capital spending.

Private consumption made only sluggish progress, since higher interest rates have boosted the appeal of savings.

Capital goods, however, look set to stay in strong demand, buoyed by a favourable business climate, ample liquidity in a large number of companies and high levels of capacity utilization.

Against that, the improvement in US trade figures is expected to be slight, since the ongoing rise in import volumes makes a rapid reduction of the deficit unlikely.

The US Federal Reserve Board's restrictive monetary stance will soon begin to leave its mark on inflation.

The present 5 per cent rate may edge upwards in the latter half of 1989, but there is little prospect of a big surge, as improved oil price stability is helping to keep these under control.

One inflationary pressure that is set to intensify, however, is that of mounting labour costs.

In continental Europe, inflation is likely to put on a spurt in the second half of the year. This will be caused by sharp increases in demand at a time when capacity bottlenecks are becoming more and more apparent and by the excessively expansive monetary policies of recent years.

Inflation will also be fuelled by the dollar's appreciation during the second quarter and by the

initial impact of the restrictive stances the national monetary authorities have now adopted.

A further tightening of the reins in 1989 cannot be excluded, given the strength of economic expansion in Europe.

Unemployment continues to fall in the EEC under the impact of buoyant economic conditions, and some countries are beginning to experience considerable labour shortages.

The danger of overheating is still acute, although some relief could come from temporary reductions in purchasing power caused by rising inflation.

The odd man out in this largely homogenous picture of the European economy is the UK.

In the first quarter of 1989, Britain's real GNP growth was negative for the first time since 1985.

	Real GNP				Consumer prices				Balance of payments on current account		
	1988	1989	1989	1990	1988	1989	1989	1990	1988	1989	1990
USA	3.9	3.0	2.0	1.5	4.1	5.5	5.8	5.3	-135.0	-130.0	-120.0
Canada	4.3	3.0	2.0	1.5	4.0	5.0	5.3	5.0	-7.5	-8.0	-9.0
Japan	5.7	5.3	4.5	4.0	0.7	2.5	2.5	2.3	79.5	85.0	80.0
Australia	3.5	3.0	1.0	1.0	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.0	-10.5	-11.5	-9.0
Germany	3.4	4.0	3.0	2.5	1.2	3.3	3.8	3.3	48.0	55.0	55.0
France	3.6	3.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.5	3.8	3.5	-4.0	-3.0	-3.0
United Kingdom	4.2	2.5	2.0	2.0	5.0	8.0	7.5	6.3	-25.5	-24.5	-23.5
Italy	3.9	3.7	2.8	2.3	5.0	6.9	7.0	6.8	-4.0	-8.5	-11.0
Spain	5.2	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.8	6.8	6.0	6.0	-2.5	-9.0	-12.0
Netherlands	3.0	3.3	3.0	2.5	0.8	1.8	3.0	2.8	5.0	4.0	3.5
Switzerland	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.8	1.9	3.2	4.0	3.3	6.0	5.0	5.5
Total (13 major industrial countries)	4.0	3.2	2.7	2.3	3.4	4.9	4.6	4.7	-44.0	-50.0	-35.0

* Annual rates: annual total/average compared with previous year. Q4 year-on-year comparison.

In Japan, as elsewhere, capital spending is the main engine of economic activity, with private consumption also on a high growth trajectory and likely to remain there.

Low unemployment and high

capacity utilization suggest that inflation in Japan will climb to 2.5 per cent this year.

In Switzerland, inflation continues to accelerate and could well reach 4 per cent by the end of the year.

For the time being, this acceleration is having little effect on the country's impressive growth figures, which once again are attributable mainly to strong business fixed investment.

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Oil prices set to rise: Otaiba

OPEC members abide by quotas

ABU DHABI, July 31, (Agencies): World oil prices are expected to rise in the fourth quarter following a meeting of OPEC's eight-member ministerial monitoring committee in September, according to United Arab Emirates Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Dr Mana Saeed Otaiba.

"The petroleum market is presently enjoying a state of stability following OPEC's last meeting," the minister said, referring to the June agreement that set total output for the 13 member countries at 19.5 million BPD around a reference price of \$18 a barrel.

In a statement to UAE television, from Casablanca, Morocco, broadcast here last night, Otaiba said the September meeting would give a new boost to the June agreement and strengthen existing confidence in the market.

The OPEC committee, comprising the oil and energy ministers of Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela, will review the market and prepare a long-term strategy, including the allocation of permanent quotas. The other five member countries will also attend the talks.

Otaiba urged non-OPEC producers to help the organisation in its efforts to stabilise prices at \$18 a barrel. "Market stability will lead to a better performance by the world economy," he stated. What the market needed was a guarantee from OPEC to overcome the difficulties associated with fluctuations in demand during the summer and winter seasons and the negative impact by market speculators.

Otaiba said OPEC members were sticking to their oil quotas, the official UAE news agency WAM reported.



Mana Saeed Otaiba

"All the evidence shows that all (OPEC) states respect their assigned (oil) production quotas," WAM today quoted Otaiba as saying on UAE television.

"The world market is heading towards stability," Otaiba added in the interview broadcast yesterday.

Western industry executives put total OPEC sales this month at 21 million barrels per day (BPD) compared to agreed quotas of 19.5 million BPD.

OPEC secretary-general Subroto has admitted that

OPEC has been supplying the market with more oil than its total quota.

Otaiba said: "The world market fixes the price of oil because OPEC has abandoned fixing the price and left it for the market."

But he called on non-OPEC oil producers to back the group in efforts to reach a price of \$18 a barrel.

Indonesian Mines and Energy Minister Gijunjar Kartasasmita said on Saturday OPEC may call an emergency meeting if world oil prices continue a fall.

OPEC fails to cut output

LONDON, July 31, (Reuters): OPEC crude oil output rose in July to its highest monthly average this year at almost 21.5 million barrels per day (BPD), industry sources said today.

High output by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries at a time of seasonally weaker demand is weighing on prices, which fell a dollar a barrel last week.

A world-wide average spot crude oil price around \$15.90 per barrel is the lowest since March.

Leaders of the 13-nation oil organisation had predicted a slight fall in July's production from some 21.3 million BPD in June.

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Heavyweights Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran made no big boosts in July production. The Saudis were steady around five million BPD and Iraq and Iran were just under quotas at 2.8 million.

But the industry sources estimated that Nigeria averaged 1.7 million over the month and may have touched 1.8 for a while, adding to a surplus of light, petrol-rich crudes in the US.

Nigeria's OPEC-assigned quota is just 1.43 million BPD.

The precise extent of any OPEC quota busting is, however, difficult to estimate since OPEC counts only sales as quota output and excludes oil held in members' own storage.

Jordan bank floats dinar

AMMAN, July 31, (Reuters): Jordan's Central Bank floated the dinar today in an apparent bid to beat the black market and encourage expatriate workers to send their dollar earnings home.

A three-page central bank memo freed banks to trade hard currency at market rates but said they must continue to observe a fixed official rate for public sector imports of basic food, some medicines and fees of Jordanian students abroad.

The dinar lost 36 per cent of its official dollar value in the past year and 57 per cent on the black market because Jordan ran short of foreign exchange to cover its payments deficit, including the cost of an \$8 billion foreign debt.

The Central Bank set its official rate at 576.4 fils to the dollar today, unchanged from yesterday. On the black market the rate was about 850 fils to the dollar. The dinar has 1,000 fils.

Some bank dealers said they would compete with the black market but few had dollars to sell.

Rate

"Everyone is waiting to see if money will now come in from the Gulf," one dealer said. "We expect the rate to be about 850 or 870 fils to the dollar, but we cannot be sure yet."

Bankers said it might take time for Jordan's 325,000 migrant workers to start sending dollars home via the banking system and the effective devaluation would mean while inflation.

"Expatriates will not move their dollars now," said one dealer. "They have to wait and see how the two-tier system will work and at what price the dollar trades."

"Markets here and in the Gulf are baffled," said another. "Competition among us (banks) will be fierce. The dollar supply is small, demand is huge and we will be competing by rate."

On July 14 the International Monetary Fund, which normally sets its face against multiple exchange rate systems, provided Jordan with an 18-month standby credit and other funds.

An IMF team is due in November to review progress on an economic reform programme agreed with the fund.

Jordan will shortly start negotiations with the London Club of creditor banks on its commercial debt after winning a 10-year rescheduling agreement from government creditors on July 19.

The black market has mushroomed since the government closed moneychangers and fixed the dinar at an artificially high rate in February.

Dollar drifts downwards

Gold prices ease

LONDON, July 31, (Reuters): The dollar drifted downwards in Europe today, closing almost two pence lower against the West German mark, as restless markets awaited fresh direction from Washington about US interest rates.

Dealers said they expected another quiet, featureless day tomorrow with any possibility of action likely to be delayed until the end of the week.

"We are just bobbing up and down," one trader in Frankfurt said. "Things could get more interesting later this week," added another.

The key economic indicator expected this week is US employment figures due on Friday. Dealers expect these to

provide more evidence of the slowdown in the American economy and prompt a further small cut in interest rates.

In the meantime, dealers said they would be closely watching US President George Bush's reaction to reports that an American hostage was hanged in Lebanon today.

The reports that Lieutenant-Colonel William Higgins had been killed had little initial impact on European markets.

The dollar opened at 1.8722 marks, more than one pfennig down on Friday's close of 1.8843, and at 138.10 yen compared with 139.50 before the weekend.

It continued the downward trend in quiet trading, closing at

1.8655 marks and 136.90 yen. Share prices in London surrendered early gains on afternoon profit-taking, with Wall Street mixed after being weaker in early business.

"The market is on a knife edge at the moment. News of a big bid could push prices higher again but people are mostly concerned about the possibility of sizeable profit-taking," a London stock market analyst said.

The FTSE 100-share index, which closed on Friday at its highest level since the 1987 stock market crash, slipped back below the 2,300 barrier and ended 9.0 points down on the day at 2,297.0.

Gold fell \$1 to close at \$368.25 an ounce.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, July 31, (Reuters): Strong domestic support for leading stocks pushed the Australian share market to a higher close. The All Ordinaries closed 7.4 points up at 1,634.2.

TOKYO: Late buying by new trust funds ignited a blaze of buying across a wide front, leading shares higher after a day of mainly light, narrow trading. The Nikkei index rose 248.24 to 34,953.87.

HONG KONG: Stocks staged a 44.33 point rally powered by relief that the property market seems to be holding up in the wake of a confidence crisis sparked by political turmoil in China. The Hang Seng index ended at 2,571.08.

SINGAPORE: Prices followed Tokyo and Hong Kong rises and the Straits Times industrials gained 2.15 points to a post-crash closing high of 1,372.29.

BOMBAY: The exchange was closed to let brokers settle business done in the two weeks ended Friday. Trading resumes tomorrow.

FRANKFURT: Shares ended a moderate session mixed but above the day's opening lows after news of good first-half results at Dresdner Bank and Schering reversed the summer doldrums. The DAX index rose 0.89 to 1,554.16.

Record amount of taxes evaded

TOKYO, July 31, (AP): Death may still be certain, but taxes are less sure, according to a report today from Japan's national tax administration agency today.

The agency said it had discovered a record 724.2 billion yen (\$5.17 billion) in income was not reported by independent business owners in fiscal 1987.

It said the agency levied a record 190.5 billion yen (\$1.36 billion) in penalty fines, up 18.4 per cent from 1986.

Stock prices down Banks cut prime rates

NEW YORK, July 31, (AP): Four major US commercial banks including the nation's largest lowered their prime lending rates a half percentage point today to 10.5 per cent, signalling lower borrowing costs for consumers and businesses.

First Bank of Chicago was the first to take the step shortly before the opening of the stock market, with Chemical Bank, Continental Bank and No. 1 Citibank quickly joining in.

The reduction, effective immediately, follows similar cuts by San Francisco-based Bank of America on Friday and Chase Manhattan Bank more than three weeks ago. A few other smaller banks have reduced their prime rates since Chase's move.

The prime rate reflects a bank's costs of borrowing money, including interest it pays on savings accounts or certificates of deposit, and trails more subtle increases in other interest rates.

The rate is watched closely because bankers use it as a basis for calculating loans to businesses and for determining many types of fixed and adjustable-rate consumer loans. Mortgage rates are not included in that category.

Today's decrease was widely expected by most economists due to continuing signs that the Federal Reserve is seeking looser credit policies in response to a slowdown in economic growth.

Economists have speculated that major banks did not immediately follow Chase, which cut its prime rate on July 10, partly because they wanted to determine whether the Fed would keep pursuing lower interest rates.

Other interest rates in the credit markets have been falling steadily. The yield on the widely watched 30-year treasury bond finished below 8 per cent Friday for the first time since spring 1987, closing at 7.985. It traded lower at 7.95 per cent by late morning today as bond prices rose.

Stock prices, however, were down slightly in late-morning trading.

KFTCIC loan for CFC

KUWAIT, July 31, (KUNA): Kuwait Foreign Trading Contracting and Investment Company is to provide the Commercial Facilities Company (CFC) of Kuwait with a \$75 million medium term loan as a club deal for 48 months.

A press release issued here today by the KFTCIC said the facility was oversubscribed by 60 per cent, indicating CFC was able to obtain improved terms because of the company's sustained excellent performance for 1988.

It said CFC's profit for 1988 increased by 11.6 per cent from the previous year.

Syndication was closed earlier than the deadline date and the facility is expected to be signed next October.

The loan is provided by banks and financial institutions from Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Switzerland, Spain, Japan and USA.

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Poles fight to buy meat ahead of massive price rises

WARSAW, July 31, (Reuters): Poles fought to buy meat and besieged other food stores today a day before massive price rises launch a Western-style market system.

"Don't take pictures. It's already humiliating enough to queue like this," people shouted at a Reuters photographer as they fought to get into a bare-shelved state meat store in Warsaw that had only sausage to sell.

Prices of meat and most foods are expected to soar 200 to 300 per cent tomorrow when meat rationing ends after seven years and prices are partly freed under a government "marketisation" plan widely condemned as ill-prepared and lacking sufficient compensation.

In parliament, outgoing Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski and Finance Minister Andrzej Wroblewski faced impeachment threats for triggering 100 per cent inflation, a huge budget deficit, collapse of the currency and massive food shortages.

Veteran Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszcak, an Army General who executed the martial law crackdown against the Solidarity trade union in 1981, emerged as the communist candidate to take over as Prime Minister and confront any unrest sparked by the price rises.

"For God's sake, after 40 years' hard work I can't afford anything, and I'm not talking about ham but basic things," complained a woman pensioner at a crowded Warsaw food market.

Quaking with emotion and finally bursting into tears, she said: "My heart is aching because I can't make ends meet. The compensation they are offering (for the price rises) is just garbage, it's totally nothing."

Solidarity's parliamentary floor group has voted to press parliament to set up a commission to consider impeaching Rakowski before the state tribunal on grounds of alleged economic mismanagement

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1989

LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	291/0
ABBEY NAT	145.0	JAGUAR	388/0
ADT LTD	186/0	KINGFISHER	354.0
ALD LYONS	520.0	LADBROKE	323/0
AMSTRAD	70.0	LAND SEC	591/0
ARGYL GP	238.0	LAPORTE	489.0
ASDA GP	189.0	LASMO	522/0
BAA	74.00	LEGAL-GEN	354.0
BAT	406.0	LLOYDS BK	360.0
BAT INDS	865.0	LOWRHO	89.71
BARCLAYS	513.0	LUCAS IND	653/0
BASS	059/0	MAGNET AS	211/0
BEAZER	181/0	MARKS+SP	204/0
BERISFORD	163/0	MAXWELL C	198/0
BET ORD	304/6	MB GROUP	176/0
BICC PLC	527/0	MECCA LEI	329/0
BLUE ARW	106.0	NEAT	144/0
BLUE CIRC	555/0	NFT FOODS	338/0
BOC GP	524/0	P & D DFD	294/0
BOOTS CO	294/0	PEARL	500.0
BR IND	249/0	PEARSON	782.0
BR INDA	208/0	PILKINGTON	238.0
BR AEROSP	700/0	PLESLEY	269/6
BR GAS RG	199/0	RACAL ELC	436/0
BR LAND	379/0	RACAL TEL	380.0
BR STEEL	76/2	RANK HVS	973.0
BR TELCOM	254.5	RANK ORG	207/0
BUNZL	145/0	RCKITT+CO	207/0
BURNHAM OL	638/0	REDLAND	597/0
BURTON	257.0	REED	436.0
CABLESWIR	525/0	RMC GRP	740/0
CADBURYS	453/0	REUTERS	855/0
CALOR GRP	783.0	ROLLS ROY	265/0
CLRN R.T	779/0	ROTHMAN	638/0
COOKSON	363/0	ROTHMAN OL	257.0
COURTAUD	367/6	SAATCHI	312.0
DALGETY	419/0	SAINSBURY	276.5
DIXONS	167/0	SEARS	131.5
ENR CHINA	476.0	SEAGWICK	258.0
ENTER OIL	620.0	SHELL	422/0
FKI BACK	175/0	SIEBE	539.0
FERRANTI	85.00	SLOUGH ES	363/0
FISCOM	349.0	SMITH IND	318.0
GATEWAY	231.0	SMITH+NEP	143.5
GEN ACCID	005/0	ST-CHART	276.0
GEN ELEC	270.0	STC	365/4
GLAXO	440.0	STORESH	146.0
GRANADA	361/0	SUN ALIA	309.0
GLOBE	194.5	SUN LIFE	060/0
GLYNED	213/0	TAMAC	307.0
GUARD RYL	222/0	TATEBLYE	349.0
GKN	441.0	TAYLOR	231/0
GUINNESS	535/0	TI GROUP	471/0
HMMERSA N	802/0	TRAFF HSE	372.5
HANSON	220.5	TSB	109.0
HARRISON C	174.0	T+N	241/0
HUKER SID	745/0	TRUSTEE	352/0
HILLSDOWN	283/0	ULTRAMAR	326/0
		UNILEVER	632.0
		UTD MNSP	468/4
		WELLCOME	458/0
		WIMBRO IN	361/0
		WILLIAMS	264.0
		WILLIS FB	235/0
		WIMPEY GE	278.0

LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	992/0	994/0
600 GROUP	134/0	134/0
A.AMER TS	475/0	476/0
A.B.ELECT	383/0	383/0
A.S.W.HLD	267/0	267/0
AAB KENT	125/0	124/0
AAR HLD	407/0	408/0
ARNDSON	88/0	88/0
ADISON	41.5	40.5
ADVEST	210/0	210/0
ALEX WKV	211/0	211/0
ALEXON	397/0	398/0
ALLD COLL	170/0	171/0
ALLD IR B	179/0	180/0
ALLD LON	150/0	149/0
ALLD PART	75/4	76/0
ALLD TEXT	382/0	381/0
ALLIANCE	115/0	117/0
AMBER DAY	69/4	69/4
AMEC	456/0	456/0
AMER TST	162/0	162/4
AMERSHAM	491/0	490/0
AMH LTHC	427/0	427/0
ANGLIA SC	182/0	183/0
ANGIA TV	282/0	284/0
ANSBACHER	76/0	76/0
APPLYARD	163/0	163/0
APV PLC	151/0	152/0
ASHLEY LA	101/0	102/0
ATWOODS	478/0	479/0
AUTO REED	408/0	405/0
AUTO SECS	270/0	270/0
AVESCO	153/0	153/0
AVIS EUR	578/0	607.0
AVON RUBB	564/0	563/0
B.MEMILL	276/0	278/0
BAILL JAP	562/0	563/0
BAILL SHI	98/0	99/0
BAIRD (W)	232/0	233/0
BANK IRE	246/0	247/0
BANKER IT	95/6	94/4
BARDON GP	201/0	201/0
BART DEV	176/0	176/0
BATES C	35/0	36/0
BBA GRP	210/0	216/0
BEAR BRND	14/2	14/2
BEATTIE J	149/0	148/0
BEHAVEN	52/0	52/0
BELWAY	207/0	207/0
BEMOSE	246/0	246/0
BENLOX HD	62/0	62/0
BERKELEY	203/0	202/0
BHH GROUP	143/0	143/0
BLK OF SCO	105/0	105/0
BLK LE 2	8/6	9/0
BM GROUP	505/0	508/0
BNK IR NW	246/0	247/0
BNNETT +F	99/0	99/0
BOASE MAS	363/0	363/0
BOODINGTN	180/0	180/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1912.1	1924.8	1924.8	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1303.74	1303.74	1293.67	1008.8
FT ALL SMI	1176.69	1176.69	1166.71	926.59
FT GOV SEC	87.16	87.16	87.07	87.30
FT GOLD MN	193.60	193.60	193.20	161.9
FT MINES F	691.20	691.20	689.41	565.31
FT OIL	0	2168.2	2159.5	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	152.39	152.84	150.60	141.17
FT WLD STG	137.34	136.50	135.32	115.30
FT WLD LOC	143.42	143.24	142.00	129.77

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS SURRENDER EARLY GAINS ON PROFIT TAKING

LONDON, JULY 31, REUTER - SHARE PRICES SURRENDERED GAINS MADE THIS MORNING ON AFTERNOON PROFIT TAKING, WITH WALL STREET MIXED AFTER BEING WEAKER IN EARLY BUSINESS.

ONE TRADER SAID, "THE MARKET HAS RUN UP VERY STRONGLY, WALL STREET WAS EXPECTED TO OPEN STRONGER AND IT'S DOWN. I THINK THERE'S A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PROFIT TAKING HERE."

DEALERS SAID A SHORTAGE OF STOCK IN THE MARKET HAD HELPED PRICE GAINS THIS MORNING.

WALL STREET WAS LITTLE AFFECTED BY A HALF POINT CUT IN PRIME LENDING RATES TO 10-1/2 PCT BY MAJOR U.S. BANKS.

AT 1449 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 0.6 POINT DOWN AT 2,305.4.

DEALERS SAID THE MARKET WAS 'ESITANT ABOUT CHALLENGING A CHART RESISTANCE POINT AT 2,320 ON THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX.

MAXWELL COMMUNICATION WAS UP AT 206 AFTER REPORTING 15 MONTH PRE-TAX PROFITS OF 192 MLN STG, COMPARED WITH 166 MLN IN CALENDAR 1987. MAXWELL ALSO ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR 840 MLN STG IN DISPOSALS BY THE END OF 1989, TURNING THE COMPANY INTO PURELY A PUBLISHING AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP.

DEALERS SAID PEARSON WAS 16P FIRMER AT 781 WITH THE MARKET SHORT OF THE STOCK. REUTERS FIRMLY 15P TO 857 ON U.S. DEMAND.

London Gold

LONDON, JULY 31, REUTER - GOLD BULLION FINISHED A DOLLAR LOWER AT 368/368.50 DLS AN OUNCE, DERIVING LITTLE BENEFIT FROM A WEAKER DOLLAR IN QUIET TRADING.

GOLD EDGED UP ON DOLLAR WEAKNESS IN THE MORNING BUT FAILED TO TEST RESISTANCE AT 370 DLS AND THEN DRIFTED DOWN IN THE AFTERNOON. THE MARKET WAS FIXED AT 369.10 AND 368.30 DLS, AND WAS LOCKED IN A TRADING RANGE OF LESS THAN 20 DLS.

GOLD MAY NOW LOOK TO TEST SUPPORT AT 365 DLS, DEALERS SAID.

THE DOLLAR'S WEAKNESS WAS LINKED TO EXPECTATIONS OF LOWER U.S. INTEREST RATES. SEVERAL U.S. BANKS CUT THEIR PRIME RATES TO 10-1/2 PCT TODAY BUT THESE MOVES WERE LARGELY DISCOUNTED.

London Money Market

LONDON, JULY 31, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES ENDED THE DAY BECALMED AFTER A DAY OF SCANT BUSINESS WHERE MOST INTEREST WAS CENTRED AROUND THE SHORT END OF THE MARKET.

"THERE'S NOTHING TO GO FOR," COMPLAINED ONE MONEY BROKER.

"THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS HAVE BEEN A WASTE OF SPACE, WE'VE BEEN DOING HARDLY ANYTHING."

TRADERS SEE LITTLE CHANCE OF AN EARLY CHANGE IN U.K. BASE RATES WHICH HAVE STOOD AT 14 PCT SINCE MAY 24, THOUGH THEY SAY THAT FEW PEOPLE IN THE MARKET FEAR A FURTHER RISE. THIS FEELING IS REFLECTED IN THE SHARPLY INVERSE YIELD CURVE WITH ONE MONTH INTERBANK AT 13-15/16 13/16 PCT AND ONE YEAR AT 13-3/8 1/4.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	DLR	STG	DNK	FFR	OPEN
STG	1.6635/45	1.6635/45	6.3175/05	10.5135/265	FIX
DNK	1.8620/8700	3.098/112	3.1025/65	116.01/21	FIX
FFR	6.309/621	10.507/525	338.31/95	---	NOON
SFR	1.6070/6080	2.6732/6765	86.12/22	25.41/45	NOON
HFL	2.1050	3.5000	112.80	33.30	FIX
ECU	1.10635	0.66782	2.07717	7.03415	CLOSE
SDR	1.28107	0.773033	2.40444	8.14184	CLOSE
YEN	137.45/55	228.49/80	---	---	NOON
SDR RATE	28/07/1989	---	---	---	---

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	291/0
ABBEY NAT	145.0	JAGUAR	388/0
ADT LTD	186/0	KINGFISHER	354.0
ALD LYONS	520.0	LADBROKE	323/0
AMSTRAD	70.0	LAND SEC	591/0
ARGYL GP	238.0	LAPORTE	489.0
ASDA GP	189.0	LASMO	522/0
BAA	74.00	LEGAL-GEN	354.0
BAT	406.0	LLOYDS BK	360.0
BAT INDS	865.0	LOWRHO	89.71
BARCLAYS	513.0	LUCAS IND	653/0
BASS	059/0	MAGNET AS	211/0
BEAZER	181/0	MARKS+SP	204/0
BERISFORD	163/0	MAXWELL C	198/0
BET ORD	304/6	MB GROUP	176/0
BICC PLC	527/0	MECCA LEI	329/0
BLUE ARW	106.0	NEAT	144/0
BLUE CIRC	555/0	NFT FOODS	338/0
BOC GP	524/0	P & D DFD	294/0
BOOTS CO	294/0	PEARL	500.0
BR IND	249/0	PEARSON	782.0
BR INDA	208/0	PILKINGTON	238.0
BR AEROSP	700/0	PLESLEY	269/6
BR GAS RG	199/0	RACAL ELC	436/0
BR LAND	379/0	RACAL TEL	380.0
BR STEEL	76/2	RANK HVS	973.0
BR TELCOM	254.5	RANK ORG	207/0
BUNZL	145/0	RCKITT+CO	207/0
BURNHAM OL	638/0	REDLAND	597/0
BURTON	257.0	REED	436.0
CABLESWIR	525/0	RMC GRP	740/0
CADBURYS	453/0	REUTERS	855/0
CALOR GRP	783.0	ROLLS ROY	265/0
CLRN R.T	779/0	ROTHMAN	638/0
COOKSON	363/0	ROTHMAN OL	257.0
COURTAUD	367/6	SAATCHI	312.0
DALGETY	419/0	SAINSBURY	276.5
DIXONS	167/0	SEARS	131.5
ENR CHINA	476.0	SEAGWICK	258.0
ENTER OIL	620.0	SHELL	422/0
FKI BACK	175/0	SIEBE	539.0
FERRANTI	85.00	SLOUGH ES	363/0
FISCOM	349.0	SMITH IND	318.0
GATEWAY	231.0	SMITH+NEP	143.5
GEN ACCID	005/0	ST-CHART	276.0
GEN ELEC	270.0	STC	365/4
GLAXO	440.0	STORESH	146.0
GRANADA	361/0	SUN ALIA	309.0
GLOBE	194.5	SUN LIFE	060/0
GLYNED	213/0	TAMAC	307.0
GUARD RYL	222/0	TATEBLYE	349.0
GKN	441.0	TAYLOR	231/0
GUINNESS	535/0	TI GROUP	471/0
HMMERSA N	802/0	TRAFF HSE	372.5
HANSON	220.5	TSB	109.0
HARRISON C	174.0	T+N	241/0
HUKER SID	745/0	TRUSTEE	352/0
HILLSDOWN	283/0	ULTRAMAR	326/0
		UNILEVER	632.0
		UTD MNSP	468/4
		WELLCOME	458/0
		WIMBRO IN	361/0
		WILLIAMS	264.0
		WILLIS FB	235/0
		WIMPEY GE	278.0

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRIA	327.20	327.60	324.80	259.3
AUSTRIA	332.20	331.20	330.20	287.9
BELGIUM	455.90	452.90	451.90	445.3
CANADA	432.60	431.90	429.10	386.8
DENMARK	765.60	762.20	758.40	602.3
FRANCE	524.80	521.20	515.10	464.4
GERMANY	243.50	244.90	245.70	206.7
HONG KONG	1897.9	1870.1	1861.1	2271.2
FINLAND	124.60	124.40	124.10	128.3
ITALY	530.60	530.60	523.00	471.2
JAPAN	1544.2	1544.4	1532.5	1483.6
HOLLAND	326.00	326.90	325.10	296.8
NEW ZEAL	95.60	95.50	94.40	90.3
NORWAY	800.80	798.10	791.20	694.7
SPAIN	254.10	253.30	254.40	205.1
SWEDEN	1442.3	1441.9	1437.1	1247.1
SWITZER	224.00	221.70	220.60	186.7
U K	696.50	691.50	686.20	632.9
U S A	315.40	315.30	311.60	270.9
WORLD	540.00	540.00	532.90	503.4
E A F E	988.30	990.30	974.60	959.2

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NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	45/7	45/6
ATLANTIC R	97/6	97/5
ABBOTT LAB	33/2	32/7
ACNE CLVD	65/0	65/2
ADV MICRO	12/0	12/1
AEROFL LAB	8/4	8/5
AETNA LIFE	4/2	4/2
ARMANSON	59/4	59/1
AIR PR-CHM	22/0	22/2
ALASKA AIR	44/7	44/7
ALBERTSONS	27/1	27/1
ALBMA 8-16	51/0	51/4
ALCAN ALUM	22/4	22/4
ALCO STAND	33/0	32/7
AM CAP SEC	21/4	21/4
AM CYANID	57/7	57/6
AM FAMILY	15/5	15/6
AM NON PRO	101/2	101/0
AM STORES	70/5	70/3
AM TEL-TEL	40/2	40

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1999

International Bond Highlights

LONDON: Nishin Steel Co Ltd is issuing 9800 mln in four-year equity warrant bonds with an indicated coupon at 4-1/4 pct, Nomura International PLC, lead manager of the 3400 mln Eurobond tranche, said. A 3200 mln Asian tranche is led by Yamachi International (P) Ltd. In Geneva, lead manager Banque Paribas (Swiss) said Nishin Steel is also issuing 300 mln Swiss francs in five-year convertible notes with an indicated 1/2 pct coupon and a put option.

LONDON: Denmark is issuing a \$150 mln five-year Eurobond paying a coupon of 6-1/4 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Nomura International PLC said.

LONDON: The Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC said it plans a number of moves to strengthen its capital structure, led by the issue of \$200 mln of non-cumulative 4 1/2 pct preference shares.

LONDON: Central secured Investments NV is issuing a \$70 mln callable floating rate note due August 22, 2000 at par, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said.

Duesseldorf: WestLB Finance N.V., Curaçao, is issuing a 300 mln Swedish crown Eurobond due June 14, 1994 with a 11-1/8 pct coupon priced at 101-7/8, lead manager and parent Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale said.

LONDON: Caisse Central Desjardins du Quebec is issuing a 10 billion yen Eurobond due November 11, 1999 paying a coupon of 5.3 pct and priced at 100.80 pct, lead manager Yamachi International (Europe) Ltd said.

Moscow: The Soviet Union owed 28 billion roubles in hard currency out of a total foreign debt of 34 billion roubles, Finance Minister Yegorin Pavlov said in an interview with the newspaper of the Council of Ministers.

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	31.50	31.50	31.50	NAT ORG		
ACC	276.50	280	277	GRASH	118	118.50	116	NIPPON	40
ALUM CHEN				GSF	155	157.50	152.50	MOCIL	960
ALU NIS				GU ALK	68	68.50	67.50	MOKAL	16
ARI FAB				GU HEAVY	11	10	10	OSHAL AGRO	75
ASHOK LEY	70	65	67.50	HERO NODA	20	19.50	20.50	PEICO	18
ASTLA PLINT	190	190	192.50	INDO CIRA	860	860	860	PFIZER	65
ATLAS COP	35	35	35	INDO COVA	108	108	107.50	PONDS	166.25
AUTO CORP	72	70	66	INDO LEVER	91.50	91.50	91.50	PREM AUTO	50
BAJAJ AUTO	332.50	332.50	327.50	INDO MOTOR	32.75	33.50	32.75	RANBAXY	82.50
BAR RAYON	527.50	530	520	INDO POLY	273.75	267.25	273.75	RAY WOOL	85.25
BK BOMB	81	79	81	HOCHST	740	740	730	RECKITT	177.50
BLM PLAST				IND ORG	37	36	35.50	RELANCE	109.50
BOM DYE	126	126.50	122	IND RAYON	77.75	38	77	SESA DOA	41
BSE INDEX	743.13		722.64	INDROL	290	292.50	287.50	SHAW WALL	
BURR MEL	200	190	195	INGERSOLL	385	375	385	SHREE CEM	
CANSHARE				ITC	109	107	108	SHRI FIB	82.50
CEN ENKA	2700	2700	2710	JK SYN	76	75	76	SIEMENS	63
CEN SPC	1920	1945	1925	KIN ENGG	130	142.50	145.50	SKF	1230
COLGATE	312.50	313.75	310	KIR CUMM	61.50	60	62	SPIC	51.25
CORINT GR	1350	1350	1325	KSR PUMPS	380	370	380	ST HILLS	355
COIN	12	11	11.50	L AND T	105	107	106	TATA CHEM	121
DEEP FERT	30	30	29.50	LIFECOR	71	70	70	TATA DIL	70
DUNLOP	79	76	77	MAC RUSSEL	113	110	110	TATA POW	395
EI HOTELS	57	58	59	MAD COATS	103	100	103	TELCO	965
ESKORTE	65	65	65.50	MAHINDRA	88	87	87.50	THAPP AGRO	
ESKAYE	115	115	115	MAS SHARE	16	15.65	15.50	TISCO	1302
ESSAR SUP	24.75	25	25	MICO	620	630	625	VAM ORG	165
FOOD SPL	162.50	162.50	160	NILKFOOD	197.50	192.50	197.50	VARELI	22.50
FORBES	47.50	47	48.75	MODI	87	85	87	VOLTA	840
GAR POLY	67	67.50	67	NRF LTD		362.50	357.50	WENCO	16.50
GE SHIPPING	42	42.50	41.50	MUK IRON	128	128.50	127.50	ZENITH	54
GLINDIA	89	88	88	NAT INDEX	383.92		376.64	ZUARI AGRO	68

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	205.0	207.8
ALLIANZ VR	2185.0	2179.0
BADENWER	230.0	228.0
BASF	283.8	284.8
BAYER	293.8	294.8
BAYER HYP	432.0	431.0
BAYER VER	404.5	408.0
BBC	450.0	450.0
BHF	465.0	462.5
BMW	601.8	608.0
COMMERZB	262.5	266.0
CONTI GUM	315.7	317.0
DAIMLER BEN	758.0	759.2
DEUTSC BHK	680.0	674.3
DLW	548.0	555.0
DRESNER B	369.5	365.0
DT BACCO	198.0	201.5
FAZ INDEX	638.64	639.73
FEINELK	378.0	376.3
GLD	415.0	416.0
GOEDERICH	452.0	452.0
HOFMEIER	294.0	295.8
HORCH	219.5	220.2
HORTEN	284.5	286.0
HUSSEL HLD	658.0	652.0
KALLI SALZ	208.0	208.7
KARSTADT	612.0	614.0
KAUFHOFF	515.5	519.5
KLOECK H	187.5	188.0
KLOECK W	145.8	145.0
LINDE	768.0	766.5
LUFTHANSA	179.5	179.0
MAN	342.0	340.0
MANNSMAN	228.5	230.2
MERCEDES	594.8	594.2
METALLGES	464.0	462.0
NORDRUF PF	357.0	353.1
NORSK HYD	40.90	41.00
PHILIP KOM	548.0	542.0
PORSCE	760.0	767.0
PREUSSAG	295.0	297.0
PVA	301.0	303.0
REINMETAL	396.0	392.0
RUE	326.0	325.0
RUE P	263.0	263.0
SALAMANDER	363.0	368.0
SCHERING	747.0	734.0
SEL	326.5	325.0
SIEMENS	607.0	607.5
THYSSEN	223.5	223.2
VARTA	369.0	371.0
VEBA	320.0	319.0
VEW	204.0	204.0
VOLKSWAGEN	450.0	448.2

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
BANK EA	14.80	14.70
CATHAY	8.50	8.45
CAVENDISH	305	297
CHEUNG K	8.30	8.15
CHINA L-P	12.20	11.90
DAIRY FARM	700	700
EVERGOLD	2.35	2.20
GT EAGLE	0	0
H S INDEX	571.08	526.75
HAECD	19	19
HANG LUNG	4.70	4.47
HENDERSON	4.95	4.72
HK BANK	5.60	5.60
HK ELEC	7.60	7.60
HK GAS	17.50	17.20
HK LAND	8.25	8.10
HK TELECOM	4.70	4.65
HK-S HOTEL	5.40	5.05
HOPMELL	2.40	2.27
HS BANK	21.10	20.60
JUTCHINSON	8.50	8.35
HYSON DEV	1.39	1.36
JAR MATH	19.80	19.40
JSH	11.40	11.40
KI BUS	7.35	7.30
LAI SUN	141	136
MANDARIN O	0	0
NIRANAR	6.00	5.80
NEW WORLD	9.80	9.50
PAUL Y CON	0.95	0.92
SHK PROP	10.30	9.75
STELLUX	2.22	2.15
SUIRE A	16.10	15.80
TAI CHEUNG	4.27	4.17
TV-B	99	99
WNAF	8.60	8.40
WINSOR	8.55	8.65
WORLD INTL	3.70	3.67

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
ALJINOMOTO	2840	2860
AKAI ELEC	760	756
AKI	1430	1430
ASARI GLS	2390	2380
ASARI OPT	940	929
BANK TOKYO	1720	1720
BRIDGESTON	1710	1680
CANON	1780	1750
CASIO COMP	1430	1410
CHUGAI PHM	1970	1970
CITIZEN W	1100	1090
D-ICHI KAN	3470	3460
DAI NIP IK	905	917
DAI NIP PT	2370	2340
DAI NIP SC	1260	1270
DAI NIP TO	991	988
DAIICEL	1130	1140
DAIWA H	2680	2650
DAIWA SEC	2350	2340
EBARA MFG	2290	2290
EISAI	2680	2610
EISAI AG	2680	2610
FUJITSU	1610	1600
FUJITSU	3440	3350
FUJITSU	4220	4230
FUJITSU	1820	1800
FUJITSU CP	1990	1970
HITACHI	1600	1590
HONDA MOT	2000	1990
ISSETAN	2570	2550
ITO YOKADO	4310	4250
JAP SYN RU	1330	1350
JAPAN AIR	17300	16900
JAPAN NET	1120	1090
KAJIMA	2330	2330
KANSAI EL	5030	4840
KAO SOAP	1820	1810
KAWASAKI H	1180	1170
KAWASAKI S	954	950
KIRIN BREW	2000	2020
KONATSU	1310	1310
KUBOTA LTD	1280	1260
KYOCERA	6400	6310
MAKITA EL	1870	1850
MARUI	2990	3020
MATSUDA ET	2350	2350
MATSUDA EL	0	2660
MEIJI SEIK	1090	1100
MITSUBU CP	1650	1630
MITSUBU EL	1160	1150
MITSUBU EST	2520	2500
MITSUBU HWY	1250	1260
MITSUBU CO	1210	1190
MITSUBUKI	2360	2290
MITSUBU EL	1000	999
NICHICON	1670	1680
NINON CHMT	1260	1250
NITKO SEC	1870	1840
NIP ELEC	1920	1920
NIP KROKAN	838	840
NIP OIL	1530	1490
NIP STEEL	879	872
NIP YUSEN	1130	1110
NIS MOTOR	1540	1530
NOMURA SEC	3390	3350
ORICA CO	1260	1280
OLYMPIA	1500	1480
PENTA OCK	1450	1450
PIONEER	3730	3700
RENOVA	1180	1160
RENOVA	1260	1260
SANKYO	2610	2580
SANKYO ELEC	915	905
SEIYU ST	2420	2500
SEKISUI PB	2280	2300
SHARP	1440	1450
SHISEIDO	1910	1920
SONY	7920	7900
SUMITOMO	1580	1530
TAISEI	1770	1770
TAISHO MRH	1520	1520
TAKEDA CH	2460	2460
TEIJIN	984	981
TKO NEW IX	628.90	606.61
TOKIO HRN	2160	2160
TOKYO ELEC	1210	1230
TOKYO GAS	1180	1150
TOKYO POWR	6330	6130
TORAY IND	1030	1020
TOSHIBA EL	1380	1370
TOTO	2590	2540
TOYO KODGY	1000	998
TOYOTA MOT	2560	2530
YAMAHA	1450	1470
YAMATACHI	1900	1890
YAMAMUCHI	3760	3760
YAMAZAKI	1690	1700

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE BROADLY HIGHER IN LIGHT TRADE

TOKYO, JULY 31, REUTER - LATE BUYING BY NEW TRUST FUNDS IGNITED A BLAZE OF BUYING ACROSS A WIDE FRONT, LEAVING SHARES HIGHER AFTER A DAY OF MAINLY LIGHT, NARROW TRADING. TRUST FUNDS BOUGHT FINANCIALS AND DOMESTIC SHARES WHILE OTHER BUYERS PICKED UP SCATTERED LAGGARDS. BROKERS SAID

BROKERS SAID VOLUME WAS LOW BECAUSE MAJOR INSTITUTIONS STAYED OUT OF THE TRADING PIT TILL AFTER BUYING LAST WEEK.

"THE MARKET IS TAKING A BREATH AFTER LAST WEEK'S HEAVY TRADING," SAID AN ANALYST AT A BIG FOUR JAPANESE BROKERAGE.

THE KEY 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX CLIMBED 248.24 POINTS OR 0.72 PCT TO CLOSE AT 34,953.87 AFTER SLIPPING 79.65 ON FRIDAY.

TURNOVER WAS DOWN TO AROUND HALF OF LAST WEEK'S LEVELS, TOTALING ABOUT 500 MLN SHARES AGAINST 900 MLN ON FRIDAY.

THE NIKKEI-1 IS SET TO CHALLENGE THE NEXT TARGET LEVEL OF 35,000, BROKERS SAID.

THE KEY INDEX ROSE EARLY, WIPING OUT FRIDAY'S LOSSES, THEN LAUNCHED UNTIL TRUST FUNDS BOUGHT UP STOCKS IN BOTH THE NIKKEI AND THE BROADER TOPIX INDICES IN THE LAST HALF HOUR.

TOPIX SURGED 22.29 POINTS TO 2,628.90 AFTER FIRING 1.13 POINTS ON FRIDAY.

"THE MARKET MOVED SO FAST LAST WEEK THAT PEOPLE TURNED TO LAGGARD SHARES, WHICH ALSO HELPED TOPIX," ONE BROKER SAID.

THE NIKKEI'S CLOSE AT 34,953.87 POINTS WAS A RECORD, PRECEDED SHORTLY BY A RECORD TRADED HIGH OF 34,954.75.

THE PREVIOUS CLOSING HIGH WAS LAST THURSDAY'S 34,785.28 AND THE PREVIOUS TRADED PEAK OF 34,945.50 WAS HIT ON FRIDAY.

NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE (NTT) SURGED 100,000 YEN TO 1.7 MLN, LEADING THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR INTO STRONG GAINS.

"NTT WAS THE MOST INTERESTING STORY TODAY," SAID SETSUO WATANUKI, TRADER FOR TOYO SECURITIES.

BROKERS SAID NTT SURGED PARTLY ON MOMENTUM FROM LAST WEEK, WHEN PRIME MINISTER SOSUKE UNO ANNOUNCED PLANS TO RESIGN AFTER THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LOST ITS UPPER HOUSE MAJORITY.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JULY 31, REUTER - HONG KONG STOCKS STAGED A 44.33 POINT RALLY POWERED BY RELIEF THE PROPERTY MARKET SEEMS TO BE HOLDING UP IN THE WAKE OF A CONFIDENCE CRISIS SPARKED BY POLITICAL TURMOIL IN CHINA, BROKERS SAID.

HONG KONG'S HANG SENG INDEX PEAKED AROUND 2,583 MID-MORNING BEFORE PROFIT-TAKING BROUGHT IT OFF SLIGHTLY TO END AT 2,571.08 FROM FRIDAY'S 2,526.75 CLOSE.

"THAT WAS A VERY GOOD RUN. IT'S NOT SURPRISING WE GOT PROFIT-TAKING. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR IT TO RUN UP A FURTHER 20 OR 30 POINTS," SAID A BROKER WITH A EUROPEAN SECURITIES HOUSE.

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.59
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.22
ARAB BANK	213.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	5.70
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.08
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.62
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.27
ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	2.40
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.42
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	4.35
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	2.35
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.20
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.30
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05
DAR AL SHAAR PRESS	0.34
DAR ALSHAAR DV/INV.	3.02
DARCO/INDUS/HOUS.	0.81
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.25
GENERAL MINING.	2.10
HIMEN MINERALS	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44
IND./MATCH JEMCO	1.34
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPT BK	1.70
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	1.66
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64
ITERED/PETRI/CH	2.70
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26
JO TABACCO/CTGARET	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.30
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.49
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.07
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.41
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79
JOR LHM BRICK	0.10
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.46
JOR PAPER CARD/BRDG	4.67
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	4.65
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.42
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.50
JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12
JOR SELPHO CHEN.	2.12
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	3.10
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.90
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.85
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.91
JOR. FRENCH INS.	2.95
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.30
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.3

Bond yields likely to drop

NEW YORK, July 31, (KUNA): Long-term bond yields are expected to drop further in the coming weeks after falling below eight per cent for the first time in two years on Friday.

By the end of last week the treasury's benchmark 8-7/8 per cent bonds due in the year 2019 were offered at a price to yield 7.98 per cent.

On Wednesday the US treasury is expected to announce that it will sell \$9.5 billion worth of new bonds at its quarterly refunding auctions, which begin August 8.

The main force strengthening the bond market continues to be the Federal Reserve, America's central bank, which over the past two months has pushed the short-term federal funds rate down on three separate occasions, most recently last week to nine per cent.

Analysts and market participants alike are assuming that to forestall a recession the Fed will loosen its credit reins as long as data show the economy is slowing.

Some commercial banks have responded by lowering to 10-1/2 per cent from 11 per cent their prime rate, which determines many other consumer rates, including mortgage rates.

Chase Manhattan Bank was the first major financial institution to move to the lower level three weeks ago but most other banks did not follow suit immediately.

At Bank of America the 10-1/2 per cent prime rate took effect today (Monday). Other banks are likely to fall in line with the two majors this week.

Pakistan may slash 5-year plan

ISLAMABAD, July 31, (Reuters): Pakistan is likely to slash its 1988-93 five-year development plan by 15 to 25 per cent through lack of funds, the official APP news agency reported today.

At present the seventh five-year plan is estimated at Rs642.4 billion (\$32.2 billion), including a fixed investment of Rs350 billion (\$17.4 billion) in the public sector. A Rs292.4 billion (\$14.6 billion) investment was planned in the private sector.

The Planning and Development Ministry of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's eight-month-old government has begun looking at areas where cuts could be made, APP said. It gave no details.

The plan was prepared by the government of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, killed in a plane crash last August. Bhutto complained after winning elections in November that Zia left an empty exchequer.

KD rates steady to easier

KUWAIT, July 31, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were steady to easier today in quiet summer trade.

The government announced an official holiday on Wednesday and Thursday to mark the first two days of the new Islamic year 1410 AH and bankers said there would be no trading.

They said Thursday's holiday had been expected but Wednesday's had not, and a small amount of distortion in maturities had been caused.

One and three months were unchanged from Sunday at a uniform 9-1/4 to 8-3/4 per cent. Overnight traded at 7-3/4 and 8-1/4. Tomorrow-next and spot-next fell 3/8 point to nine eight.

The Central Bank left its dinar to dollar exchange rate unchanged from yesterday at 0.2941/26.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal inter-bank deposit rates were generally firmer in line with higher Eurodollar rates, dealers said.

"It was another quiet day with most of the activity in the shorter end of the market," a dealer said. One-month was about 8-5/8 to 1-1/2 per cent, up 1/8 from yesterday, and two-month and three-month rose about 1/16 to 8-9/16 to 8-11/16. Six-month and one-year were unchanged at about 8-1/2 to 3/8.

The spot riyal rose to around 3.7499/03 from 3.7503/06 to the dollar.

Time is ripe for investing in equities

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Over the next twelve months, however, Switzerland's restrictive monetary policy will start to bite on demand and should therefore help produce a welcome slowdown, especially in the real-estate sector.

These variations in economic strength indicate that a more restrictive monetary stance is needed in the traditional hard currency countries than in the United States.

This will further narrow the current interest rate differentials in favour of dollar investments and, in turn, lower the dollar's external value.

The persistent and gaping imbalances that exist in world trade point in the same direction.

The flight of capital into the dollar sector provoked by the crisis in China had only a fleeting effect on the US unit's performance. In the short term the dollar looks set to be very jittery.

In Switzerland, rising inflation and months of erosion of the Swiss franc's position forced the

Swiss National Bank to push its key rates up substantially, the effect of which filtered through into money market rates.

The EMS currencies emerged largely unscathed from the recent upheavals on foreign exchange markets around the world.

In fact, the system's existing tensions were alleviated by heavy outflows of capital from Germany and a resultant weakening of the D-mark against the dollar.

The mood of the American money market in recent weeks has been very relaxed while in Europe and Japan rates have been raised, sometimes substantially.

This situation may be changing now that the dollar boom is coming to an end; even so, recent reductions in interest rate differentials in favour of dollar investments are probably here to stay, at least for a while.

Movements on the US money market are reflecting the slowdown in growth in the American economy.

The fall in the Fed Funds rate

in the first half of June suggests that the Fed has relaxed its grip somewhat. With inflation still edging up, however, a return to slightly higher interest rates can be expected in the months ahead.

Despite the inflationary surge in the Japanese economy the Bank of Japan has not moved to tighten the screws, especially since there has been some let-up in the growth of monetary aggregates.

In Britain, the Bank of England was forced to push up bank base lending rates by one percentage point to 14 per cent. This was a result of mounting downward pressure on sterling, the continuing rise in inflation and faster-than-targeted monetary aggregate growth.

Over the longer term, however, the Bank of England will have to bring its base rate down again to counter the threat of recession.

Following the April-May period of rising interest rates, the Swiss money market has become a lot more relaxed thanks to the introduction of the floating long-

term rate.

The situation in Germany is similar. Money market rates have been moving downwards since early June after climbing steadily for two months.

Because of the vigorous performance of the German economy, on June 30 the German Bundesbank upped the lombard and discount rates again.

The US capital market was stimulated at the beginning of June by heavy inflows of capital from abroad, lower money market rates and a slight easing of the Fed's monetary policy.

Simultaneously, worries over inflation receded thanks to evidence of a slowdown in the American economy.

This combination may well explain why many investors have increased the dollar bond weighting of their portfolios.

Only few of the leading world equity markets posted significant price rises during the second quarter of 1989, with the US market foremost among them. For some time now, share price movements have been

heavily influenced by interest rate trends.

The second half of the year is unlikely to bring a further tightening of monetary policy in the shape of sharp interest rate hikes.

Capital markets may well see some gains as a result of growing concern over inflation, but this will probably have little impact on equity markets in view of the trends which are keeping corporate profit expectations buoyant.

The healthy state of the economy paves the way for prices to rise on the stockmarkets, with especially impressive gains likely to be chalked up in the traditional hard currency countries.

Investor sentiment in the United States has brightened up, particularly among those taking the long view.

Fears that the Fed's policies would throttle economic activity and cause a sharp drop in profits are now fading.

But although the US market is now attractive to investors with

long-term goals, there is little prospect of spectacular gains.

Share prices on the Tokyo exchange suffered the effects of political fall-out from the Recruit scandal during the second quarter.

At the same time, many of the big Japanese firms announced excellent results for the last financial year (ended 31 March), and their hopes of maintaining the profit surge this year seem well founded.

In London, sentiment continues to be dominated by the hope that the UK economy will manage a soft landing.

The only way this will happen, however, is if the current high interest rate policy is relaxed.

In the long term, therefore, there is a significant risk of price losses, although British exporters look set to take advantage of a weaker pound to increase their profits and expand more than those firms operating primarily in the domestic market.

The German equity market is currently torn between extremely heartening economic

data and company results and fears that these might have damaging effects on inflation and interest rates.

Although concern about inflation may well deepen for a while, the Bundesbank seems fully aware of the dangers inherent in an excessively restrictive stance.

According to profit projections for 1989 and 1990, German equities are presently undervalued by 10-20 per cent.

In purely arithmetical terms, a rise in interest rates to around 8 per cent has therefore already been fully discounted.

The picture is similar on the Swiss equity market. In spite of the sizeable interest rate rises of April and May 1989, falls in share prices were kept within bounds thanks to sparkling company results for 1988.

The profit outlook for this year is likewise very bright indeed and in June, with interest rates beginning to come down and the Swiss franc emerging from its weak phase, this helped equity prices to their highest levels so far this year.

Higher wage claims could cloud prospects

Bonn economy is set to expand

BONN, July 31, (Reuters): The West German economy is set to expand strongly this year but higher wage claims could cloud prospects in 1990, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said today.

In its semi-annual report on West Germany, the 24-nation think tank said Europe's largest economy had performed better than expected since mid-1987 with booming exports, lively demand and strong corporate investment.

But higher inflation this year coupled with bigger company profits could prompt unions to demand high wage rises in major negotiations with employers next year.

"The growth of the West German economy since mid-1987 has surprised many people," OECD official Dieter Menke told a news conference.

"A warning sign is inflation which is set to double this year to three per cent."

The report by the Paris-based OECD forecast gross national product (GNP) would rise by about 3.75 per cent in real terms this year after 3.4 per cent in 1988. Growth in 1990 would slow to 2.75 per cent.

The 1989 estimate was higher than a 3.0 per cent projection made by the OECD in June but lower than a forecast of at least 3.5 per cent made by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Centre-Right government earlier this month.

Higher inflation this year prompted by dearer oil, higher import prices and a package of consumer tax rises introduced in January is worrying West Germans who have been used to stable prices for years.

Inflation was running at an annual rate of 3.1 per cent in June compared with an average rate of 1.2 per cent last year.

"The temporary effects of the indirect tax hikes may raise price expectations, thus complicating wage settlements in 1990," the OECD report said.

"With 1990 being a heavy bargaining year covering about two thirds of wage and salary earners, and with higher imported inflation, the prospects for continued nominal wage moderation



Helmut Kohl

become less bright."

The last major wage settlements were negotiated between employers and unions in 1987 and are valid for three years.

The OECD forecast wage rises of about 3.75 per cent next year but warned this could be "on the low side of possible outcomes."

It recommended that tight monetary policies in force since mid-1988 should be maintained to keep inflation under control.

The Bundesbank, West Germany's Central Bank, has raised its key interest rates three times this year in order to strengthen the mark and restrain price rises.

The OECD report said the strong economy would push the unemployment rate down to about seven per cent by the end of 1990 from 7.4 per cent at present.

The OECD prediction was echoed by Wolfgang Roeller,

chief executive of Dresdner Bank, who told a news conference in Stuttgart today that strong corporate investment augured well for a cut in the dole queues.

The OECD said West Germany's bulging trade surplus, which has prompted attacks from countries including the United States and France for exacerbating global imbalances, would stay high this year and in 1990.

Bonn's Finance Minister Theo Waigel said earlier this month that the large trade surplus was caused by special factors and that West Germany's trading partners recognised this.

The surplus reached a record 128 billion marks (\$68 billion) last year and economists say it may surge to 140 billion marks (\$75 billion) this year.

World Bank sets lending record

New commitments approved

MOEN QURESHI, senior vice-president for operations, announced the World Bank's operational results for fiscal 1989, which ended June 30. Here is his statement:

"The fiscal year that is just ending has been a landmark year for the World Bank. 'Our lending reached an all-time high.'"

"Much more significant, we have taken important initiatives in the environmental and social areas, in private-sector development, and financial-sector reform, and have opened a new chapter in our work in assisting the highly indebted countries."

"There is a new momentum in our operational work today. This position us well to assist the developing countries in confronting the complex issues and challenges of the final decade of this century. The World Bank goes into the 1990s in strong shape."

The overall level of new commitments approved by the Boards of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and its affiliate, the International Development Association (IDA), in the fiscal year to June 30, 1989, exceeded \$21 billion for the first time in the Bank's history.

The IBRD board approved 119 operations amounting to \$16.4 billion, compared to approvals for 118 operations for \$14.8 billion in our 1988 fiscal year. The IDA board approved 106 operations, that is seven more than in the previous year, for a total of SDR 3.7 billion, compared to SDR 3.3 billion in FY88.

IBRD gross disbursements were almost identical this year to last year at \$11.6 billion, while IDA gross disbursements are up to \$3.8 billion from \$3.4 billion. IDA net disbursements were up to \$3.6 billion from \$3.3 billion.

IBRD net disbursements were down to \$1.6 billion from \$3.4 billion due to large prepayments by some of the member governments — these amounted to \$2.9 billion, including \$1.4 billion in prepayments by Romania, \$700 million by Korea, and \$400 million by Thailand.

To the extent that bank borrowers have access to private markets and can repay the bank, this is an entirely welcome development because it increases the potential availability of resources for other member governments.

"The content of our work is far more important than the absolute volume of the money we provide. In this respect, the strategic priorities that World Bank President Barber Conable has set for the institution truly began to be embodied in our operations during the past year. As Conable has stated, the focal point of our efforts is to make this institution the cutting edge of a people-oriented development process and strategy."

Growth alone does not necessarily reduce poverty, nor does it ensure food security.

"We need targeted programmes to overcome deficiencies of critical skills, or build strong domestic institutions."

Soul searching urged

KUALA LUMPUR, July 31, (KUNA): Malaysian Foreign Minister Abu Hassan Omar today called for "soul searching" by the 128 members of the Group of 77 developing countries, asking why they have not fully utilised available opportunities for economic and technical co-operation.

He said the political and economic environment had changed since co-operation between developing countries began in the late 1950s and there was now a dynamic transformation of the global economy such as the single formation of the single European market in 1992 and the signing of the United States-Canada free trade agreement.

"These are both opportunities and challenges and the G-77 must rise to the challenge of change confronting us and react accordingly," he said at the opening of the seventh Inter-governmental Follow-up and Co-ordination (IFCC VII) meeting of the G-77 here. Malaysia is the current chairman of the G-77.

His speech was read out by his deputy Dr Abdullah Fadil Che Wan.

In his speech, Omar said failure to meet these challenges would not only "marginalise" the importance of technical and economic co-operation, but undermine the grouping as well.

The foreign money is spotlighted in Los Angeles, where 64 per cent of downtown office buildings are owned by foreign investors, including the landmark Arco Plaza and the ATT Tower, and San Francisco.

The economically booming Pacific rim countries account for 25 per cent of all foreign investors in the city by the bay, the Asian population of which exceeds that of several major cities in the Orient.

"There's a change in momentum: in the next five years the Canadians and British will be overtaken by the Pacific rim countries as the biggest foreign investors here," said Lawrence Chan, president and chief executive officer of Park Lane Hotels International, a hotel-holding company based in San Francisco and Hong Kong.

"The Japanese and other Asian investors are spreading out, especially in downtown San Francisco where the Japanese alone own close to 50 per cent of the major office buildings that exist or are in the planning stages," said Philip Vincent, vice-president and economist with First Interstate Bancorp.

Charles Nevil, president of the Meridian Group, Meridian Enterprises Inc., an export management company for 123 US manufacturers and a member of the California state world trade commission,

listed the up-and-coming heavy hitters in San Francisco as Japan, Taiwan and Korea.

The US Commerce Department report shows the Japanese already have leapfrogged the British to become by far the largest foreign direct investor in America in 1987, with \$195.8 billion in assets.

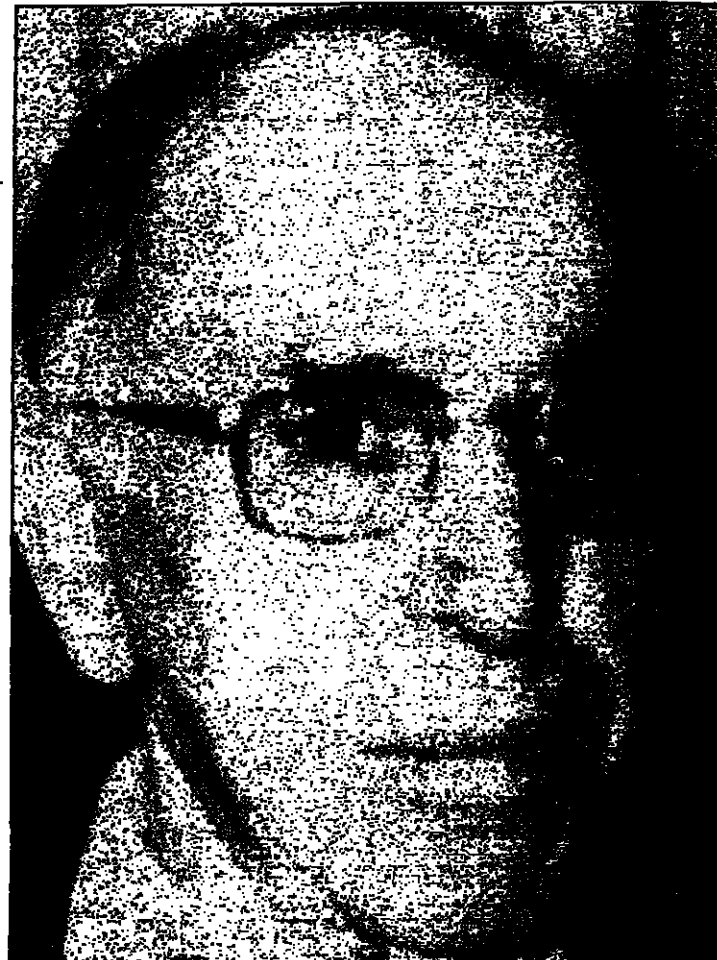
The study excluded indirect investments — such as portfolios, bank loans or official holdings of US bonds — which amounted to another \$161 billion for Japanese investors at the end of 1987.

Japan's meteoric rise as a major investor — the country had ranked third in 1986, with US assets of \$98 billion — knocked former leader Britain into second place, with \$156.2 billion in assets, and Canada, at \$141 billion, into third.

California accounts for 25 per cent and 29 per cent of the value of Japanese property and employment, respectively — far exceeding the Japanese presence in any other state.

More than half of all Japanese US affiliates have property, plant or equipment in California, almost 60 per cent have employees in the state.

Nationwide, 250,000 Americans have jobs in Japanese-owned businesses, compared to 100,000 Japanese who work for US companies in Japan.



Company founder dies

Undated file photo of Ramon Arces Rodriguez, 84, founder of Spair's biggest privately-owned company, the Corte Ingles chain of department stores, died on Sunday. Arces a widower who left no children, built his business up from a small Madrid tailor's shop he founded in 1934 to a retail giant, employing more than 30,000 people. (Reuters wirephoto)

State firms lose \$5b a year

Senate approves bill

BUENOS AIRES, July 31, (Agencies): The Argentine Senate on Thursday approved a bill enabling the government of President Carlos Menem to sell off some or all of 35 money-losing state enterprises — from telephones to railroads — to the private sector.

Menem has put a priority on making the state-run Telephone Company a private corporation with stockholders. The government also has announced plans to contract out to private businessmen much of the oil exploration and refining work now done by the heavily protected oil monopoly, YPF.

Other large state companies expected to be privatised in whole or in part include the railroads, Argentine Airlines, petrochemical companies, two of the three state television stations, and government run radio stations.

The post office and the subways are expected to remain in state hands while contracting out more services to the private sector.

The purpose of the privatisation bill is to stop a drain on the national treasury and put an end to rampant featherbedding.

Roberto Dromi, minister of public works who has jurisdiction over the largest state companies, has estimated that state companies lose a total of \$5 billion a year. Asked recently which companies will be sold to the private sector, he replied, "everything that can be."

The overall bill was approved unanimously in the Senate's two-tier voting procedure which requires one vote on the whole bill and separate votes on each clause.

Some articles in the bill received opposition votes, but the majority approved every clause of the bill as the Menem administration wanted.

Before it becomes law, the bill must be approved by the chamber of deputies and signed by Menem.

Voting was expected to be tougher in the chamber, where the opposition radical Civic Union Party has a plurality. The Peronist Party of Menem has a plurality in the Senate.

The chamber, like the Senate, is expected to approve the law in general, but might strike down individual clauses.

MCC unveils profits rise

LONDON, July 31, (Reuters): Robert Maxwell said today his publishing empire's pre-tax profits rose by 15.7 per cent last year and new acquisitions had made it one of the world's top 10 media companies.

Maxwell Communication Corp. shares rose five pence (8.3 cents) on the news to £2.08 (\$3.4) although the results were a shade below some analysts' expectations.

Profits before tax increased to £192 million (\$319 million) in the 15-months until the end of March from 166 million (\$275 million) in calendar 1987.

The 15-month accounting period was created to take account of big changes in the structure of the corporation in 1988.

"Before the end of this financial year (March 1990), our group will be a purely publishing and communications group," Maxwell said of the restructuring.

"With the disposal of our major UK printing businesses, the group's assets, revenues and profits have shifted decisively to North America," he said in a statement.

A major part of MCC's restructuring was the purchase of US publisher Macmillan in November for \$2.26 billion.

"We have made excellent progress with our plans to enable Macmillan to market its publications and services world-wide under the Maxwell flag," said Maxwell.

As part of these plans the group has recently won a contract to publish globally and in all languages the memoirs of former US Secretary of State George Shultz.

YOUNG WRITER

My world-wide travels



Rahul with mother and father inside Santa's cottage in Finland.



Near Rovaniemi: Rahul with parents

Dear friends,

I want to share my travel experience with you through Junior Times.

My mother tells me that I am one of the most widely travelled children in the world! I started globetrotting when I was 11 months old. My first birthday, though I do not remember it, was celebrated in New York!

My father loves to travel and up to now my family and I have visited over 50 cities in USA, UK, France, Switzerland, East and West Germany, Holland, Egypt, Cyprus, Greece, all of Scandinavia, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Hungary.

The trip I enjoyed the most was our latest trip to Scandinavia and East Europe. I could not believe my eyes when I saw the sun shining at midnight in the North Cape (Norway). We film all the places we visit on video so we have quite a lovely collection of memories!

Did you know that one Kuwaiti dinar equals about 10,000 Yugoslavian dinars, a cup of milk in Yugoslavia costs about 2,500 Yugoslavian dinars!

I have written a small poem about my travel experience. I have seen a lot of lands, England, Holland, Switzerland. Oh, I forgot the principalities, tiny Monte Carlo and Aaland.

Nearer home I visited Egypt, Athens, Cyprus and I was impressed by the pyramids, Sphinx and papyrus. My first birthday was celebrated in the Big Apple, then Belgium, France and Germany were sampled.

Last year I went to Scandinavia I visited Finland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. As an appetizer, to stop my saliva, I covered Hungary, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

This summer I visited ancient Babylon and enjoyed the Mashguf fish on Tigris bank alone.

I wish to go and explore our planet beautiful, if you wish to join me, meet at school end.

Rahul Mehra
III D
Indian School, Salmiyah

Happy birthday



Keegan Francis Fernandes celebrated his tenth birthday on July 24th. Belated greetings from parents, family, relatives and friends. Keegan goes to Blue Mountains and likes to sing and dance.



Binu Rani Albert celebrated her 4th birthday on July 30. Belated greetings from father, mother, family, relatives and friends. Binu is in lower KG of Carmel School and enjoys drawing, singing and watching cartoons.



Sherif Zaid Alam of the United Indian School in Abbasiya, turned six on July 17. Belated greetings from parents friends and relatives. Sherif enjoys watching cartoons and drawing.



Happy birthday to Z'sofia so dear, Best of wishes for another year. I'll mail you a wish and post you my love. And I'll pray that you're blessed from the skies above. This moment is very special for us, But you're growing older, alas!

From Amina Reza.



Moses Vincent Paul Vales celebrated his 7th birthday on July 29. Hearty wishes from parents, relatives and friends. Moses goes to the Indian School, Salmiyah and likes watching cartoons, playing football and electronics.



Nasser Khan of the New Indian School celebrated his 11th birthday on July 28. Belated greetings from mum, daddy, Shaz, Archie and Ali. Nasser likes to collect stickers and play tennis.



Ali Rida celebrates his birthday on August 2. Many happy returns of the day from Uncle Javid, parents and friends. Congratulations on the success of completing the pilgrimage earlier this month.

Just for laughs!

Salesman: "Right, there's your new bath sir. Do you want a plug for it?"
Customer: "Oh, I didn't know it was electric."

This Russian spy was complaining about going to England. He didn't like the rain.

They said, "Alright Ivan, we'll send Dmitri instead."

He said, "You mean Dmitri doesn't mind the rain?"

They said, "No. He's an undercover agent."

Hear about the world's stoopest plastic surgeon? He stood by the fire and melted.

This man knocked on the door. He said to my mum, "Excuse me I'm collecting for the swimming pool."

My mum gave him a bucket of water.

There was the world's stoopest hitchhiker. He left early to avoid the traffic.

A very, very stoopest man had something wrong with his feet. So he went to the doctor, and the doctor said, "I want you to walk ten miles every day, and ring me back in a month's time."

So a month later the man rang the doctor. The doctor said, "How're your feet?"

He said, "They're worse."

Solution to Thursday's crossword

1	Across	Scrooge words
2	Across	Passion
3	Across	Michaelmas
4	Across	delay
5	Across	Irregularly
6	Across	noticed
7	Across	Mad, subj.
8	Across	Excited
9	Across	Boot country
10	Across	prefix
11	Across	Discovered by chance
12	Across	Patched
13	Across	Boast
14	Across	Charm
15	Across	26 Jug
16	Across	26 Gr. letters
17	Across	Order to a horse
18	Across	31 Ready and wit
19	Across	32 Contradict
20	Across	34 Baseball teams
21	Across	36 Elias or Julia
22	Across	37 Delt
23	Across	39 In a peculiar way
24	Across	40 Mrs. Charles
25	Across	41 Campanella or Acuti
26	Across	44 Bird of yore
27	Across	45 Prodigal
28	Across	47 Ragtime dances
29	Across	49 Native ruler
30	Across	51 "— little wine loc—"
31	Across	52 Dashing man
32	Across	54 Luxurious fur
33	Across	55 Climbing plant
34	Across	56 Approaches
35	Across	58 Selter or stew
36	Across	60 At no time, poetically
37	Across	61 Locking vitality
38	Across	63 Charge
39	Across	65 Heap
40	Across	67 Turf
41	Across	68 Voucher
42	Across	71 Special floral piece
43	Across	72 Starter
44	Across	73 Cry by a woman on a chair
45	Across	75 Composition
46	Across	77 Swerve
47	Across	79 Problem
48	Across	81 Spread
49	Across	84 Room
50	Across	86 Clara or Anna
51	Across	88 Opp. of fer
52	Across	90 Ball
53	Across	92 Take by force
54	Across	94 "Where have you—?"
55	Across	95 Worries
56	Across	96 Copier
57	Across	98 Relaxer
58	Across	101 FDR program
59	Across	102 Recent: pret.
60	Across	103 Genesis name
61	Across	104 Like cuckoo-pit
62	Across	105 Indurate
63	Across	107 Plachorous
64	Across	108 Eskimo
65	Across	109 Soft drinks
66	Across	110 Posture
67	Across	113 Eyeball
68	Across	114 Noted name in India
69	Across	116 Arch
70	Across	119 Malted cheese on toast
71	Across	122 Long, long time
72	Across	123 Flat fish
73	Across	124 Dispute
74	Across	125 Penn State's Nittany—
75	Across	126 Ayn or Sally
76	Across	127 Much
77	Across	128 Cried on the sea
78	Across	129 Shurpen
79	Across	130 Holy women: abbr.
80	Across	131 Slaughter of baseball
81	Across	82 L: Ger.
82	Across	84 Shelter
83	Across	86 Swindle
84	Across	89 Attributes
85	Across	90 Raise nap on
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SPORTS

Lopez scores 41st career victory

SOMERS POINT, N.J., July 31, (Reuters) — Nancy Lopez shot a one-under-par 69 yesterday to win the Atlantic City Classic golf tournament by one stroke for her 41st career victory on the LPGA Tour.

Lopez, who won \$33,750, beat compatriot Americans Chris Johnson and Vicki Ferguson who tied in 71s for the day over the 6,020-yard course.

American Jennifer Wyatt finished alone at 208 with 69 on the day, a stroke better than compatriots Rosie Jones, Elaine Crosby and Pat Bradley.

"I've been finishing second and third so much," Lopez said. "There was a lot of anxiety there for me. I feel good about the way I finished because I hung in there pretty tough."

Lopez began the day a stroke behind second-round leaders Johnson and Ferguson and turned in two birdies and one bogey.

Her first birdie was on the par-three fourth hole when she hit a nine-iron to one foot from the hole. Her only other birdie in her round was on the par-five eighth hole after she blasted out of a bunker to four

feet and sank the putt to take a one-stroke lead over Ferguson and Johnson.

That misdeed brought her back to four-under and tied with Ferguson, Johnson and rookie Jennifer Wyatt of Canada. Wyatt was tied for the lead until she bogeyed the 15th hole. Wyatt bogeyed her 18th hole to finish two-under par for the tournament and in fourth place.

RUGBY

Australia name three debutants for Test

SYDNEY, July 31, (Reuters) — Australia named three young debutants today for the Bledisloe Cup rugby union Test match against New Zealand on August 5.

Prop Tony Daly, hooker Phil Kearns and outside centre Tim Horan gain their first caps against the world champions in a team which shows five changes from the side beaten 19-18 in the third Test against the British Lions.

Daly, 23, is virtually unknown and was not picked to play against the Lions for either the new South Wales A or B teams. Experienced Mark McBain was expected to take the hooker's spot ahead of Kearns who is just 22.

Horan, 19, has been included to add spark to the Wallabies backline which has relied heavily all season on flyhalf Michael Lynagh for its inventiveness and point-scoring.

Veteran prop Andy McIntyre and flanker Simon Poidevin, who have 84 caps between them, are also recalled for the game in Auckland.

Both players announced their retirement from representative rugby in the past year but were picked to play for the Anzac XV in the final game of the Lions tour.

McIntyre told journalists the All Black Test would definitely be his last game in the Wallabies shirt while Poidevin is unavailable for the Tour of France later this year.

Teammate Garry Martin, David Campese, Tim Horan, Lloyd Walker, Ian Williams, Michael Lynagh, Nick Farr-Jones (captain), Steve Tait, Jeff Miller, Bill Campbell, Steve Cutler, Simon Poidevin, Tony Daly, Phil Kearns, Andy McIntyre.

In Wellington, it was disclosed that All Black flanker Michael Jones will miss the rest of the season after suffering a severe knee injury in the 49-12 defeat of the Argentine Pumas on Saturday.

"He's going to be out of action for several months," said surgeon Barry Tietjens, who operated on Jones yesterday.

"It's a very serious knee injury. It's not possible to make a definite prognosis at this stage but if he makes a good recovery he'll be able to play in the future."

Specialist open-side flanker Mike Brewer has been named to replace Jones in the Bledisloe Cup squad.

Brewer made his debut against France in 1986 and last played Test rugby against the Wallabies in Australia in 1988.

Squad: John Gallagher, John Kirwan, Joe Stanley, John Schuster, Terry Wright, Grant Fox, Bruce Deans, Wayne Shelford (captain), Zinzan Brooke, Michael Brewer, Alan Whetton, Murray Pierce, Gary Whetton, Richard Loe, Sean Fitzpatrick, Steve McDowall, Ron Williams, Warren Gatland, Frano Botica, Bernie McCall, Graeme Bachop.

Charles wins British seniors golf crown

TURNBERRY, Scotland, July 31, (Reuters) — New Zealander Bob Charles added the British senior golf title to the British Open crown he won in 1963 when he fired a four under par final round of 66 at Turnberry yesterday.

Left-hander Charles won by seven strokes from 58-year-old American Billy Casper, who had led for three rounds. Casper followed three below par rounds with a 75.

Charles was three shots behind Casper after four holes yesterday but by the fifth was level. He sank a 20-foot putt for a par three while Casper pulled his second shot into an unplayable lie in the sandhills beside the green, taking a penalty drop and ending with a six.

Another two-shot swing at the next, where Casper's ball trickled into a bunker followed by a three-foot putt, saw Charles in front for the first time.

Said Casper: "Every time I opened the door Bob went in."

Astros blast Giants

Phillies overcome Pirates



Von Hayes (right) helps Phillies to come back for a victory over Pirates.

HOUSTON, July 31, (AP) — Mike Scott became the first 17-game winner in the Major Leagues as Houston Astros moved within a game of knockout-prone San Francisco Giants in the National League West with a 6-2 victory yesterday.

Craig Biggio's two-run single highlighted a four-run seventh inning that broke a 2-2 tie between Scott, 17-5, and Mike Lacoss 5-7.

Scott pitched seven innings and allowed seven hits. He struck out the side in the first and seventh innings, finishing with nine strikeouts and one walk. Reliever Danny Dawrin struck out five in two innings, including the side in the ninth.

Cubs 6, Mets 4. A two-run homer by Mark Grace off relief ace Randy Myers with two outs in the ninth inning gave surging Chicago a victory and a three-game sweep of sagging New York.

Cardinals 8, Expos 3. Joe Magrane held Montreal hitless into the sixth inning en route to his seventh victory in his last eight starts for St. Louis.

Braves 5, Reds 2. Oddie McDowell had three singles, scored two runs and drove in another and Derek Lilliquist won for the first time in a month as Atlanta ended Cincinnati's three-game winning streak.

Phillies 8, Pirates 6. A bases-loaded single by Von

Hayes highlighted a five-run sixth inning as Philadelphia rallied to defeat the Pittsburgh White Sox 3, Angels 2.

Jerry Reuss and Bobby Thigpen combined on a four-hitter to lead the Chicago White Sox and California's 10-game home winning streak 3-2.

Reuss, 8-5, gave up four hits in seven innings and won for the first since June 20, a span during which he lost three games and had two no-decisions. Thigpen closed for his 22nd save.

Royals 7, Orioles 6. Danny Tartabull hit a two-run single in the eighth inning as the Kansas City Royals sent the Baltimore Orioles to its 10th loss in 11 games.

The Royals loaded the bases with one out in the eighth on two walks and a single. George Brett grounded into a force play at the plate, but Tartabull singled off Gregg Olson, 3-2, to bring the two runs in.

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Boston	5
Cleveland	4
Minnesota	14
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Kansas City	7
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Oakland	5
San Francisco	2
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Montreal	3
Philadelphia	8
Pittsburgh	6
Atlanta	5
Cincinnati	2
Chicago	6
New York	6
Houston	6
San Francisco	3
Los Angeles	10
San Diego	1

Jackson retains crown

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., July 31, (Reuters) — Julian Jackson made up for a lackluster first round by unleashing a clean three-punch combination to the head in the second round to drop Terry Norris and retain his World Boxing Association junior middleweight title yesterday.

Jackson, 28, from the Virgin Islands, had trouble measuring Norris in the first round as the American kept the champion away with sharp jabs.

Jackson caught Norris against the ropes and landed a clean, powerful right which bowed the head of Norris, exposing it to a quick left and right which put the challenger down.

Norris, 22, struggled to his feet at the count of nine, but was clearly dazed and referee Joe Cortez of the United States stopped the scheduled 12-round fight at one minute, 37 seconds of the second round.

Jackson raised his record to 38-1 and Norris is now 21-3.

"Let me just say he did exactly what we thought he

would do," Jackson said after the fight. "We figured he would want to go the distance and show a lot of later movement. We worked on exactly how to solve that."

"I pinned him right against the ropes which is what I wanted to do. I was able to get inside where I wanted to go in and punch. He wanted to keep me outside," Jackson said.

"I caught him with a good punch but he has a lot of heart. He got up but he was definitely out," the champion said.

"I have been in the shadows too long. I have been a champion for two years but nobody knows who I am. That doesn't bother me. Like I said earlier, my time will come. I am proud of who I am and where I come from. I am a Virgin Islander that people in the United States and my home can be proud of," Jackson said.

Norris, disheartened by his loss, left the arena without talking to reporters.

Sloothaak and Todd end on top

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 31, (AP) — Frank Sloothaak of West Germany won the Grand Prix show jumping and Mark Todd, another Olympic champion from New Zealand, took the grueling three-day event as the \$148,000 Stockholm International Horse Show ended yesterday.

The US Equestrian team, which picked up a second by Mike Huber in the three-day event, dominated the show that served as a dress rehearsal for next year's inaugural World Equestrian Games. US riders won three classes and had four seconds.

Sloothaak, a member of West Germany's winning quartet in the team Grand Prix in Seoul last year, beat runnerup Philip Hefter of Britain and individual Olympic champion Pierre Durand of France in a five-way jumpoff.

The top three finishers had faultless rides on a wet and difficult Olympic Stadium course. Sloothaak clocked 38.92 seconds on Walzerkong as the last jumpoff rider.

Wang, 94, takes third gold medal

EUGENE, Oregon, July 31, (AP) — A crowd of about 4,000 at Hayward Field yesterday broke into loud applause as Wang Ching-Chang, 94, of Taipei, Taiwan, won the 100-metre dash to capture his third gold medal at the World Veterans Championships.

Wang is president of a 50,000-member political party, "a legal one," he said. He ran the 100

metres in 23.15 seconds. Easily outdistancing the only other competitor in his age group, Finland's Mikko Salonen.

The two runners played back to the applause with wide smiles. Salonen didn't even wait for the finish. He began waving back to the delighted crowd before he crossed in front of the grandstand, about 60 metres from the finish.

But Wang was the crowd's favourite. Wang already has won gold medals for the javelin Saturday and the shot put early yesterday. He also is entered in the 200-metre, 400-metre and 800-metre races and the discus.

His chances are good — the most competition he has in any of those events is one other person.

In the 1987 championships in Australia, Wang won five gold,

Sotomayor's record will be certified: official

Nebilo missed dramatic final night

NEW YORK, July 31, (Reuters) — A Puerto Rican athletics official said yesterday he is confident Cuban Javier Sotomayor's high jump of 2.44 metres, or eight feet, will be certified as a world record.

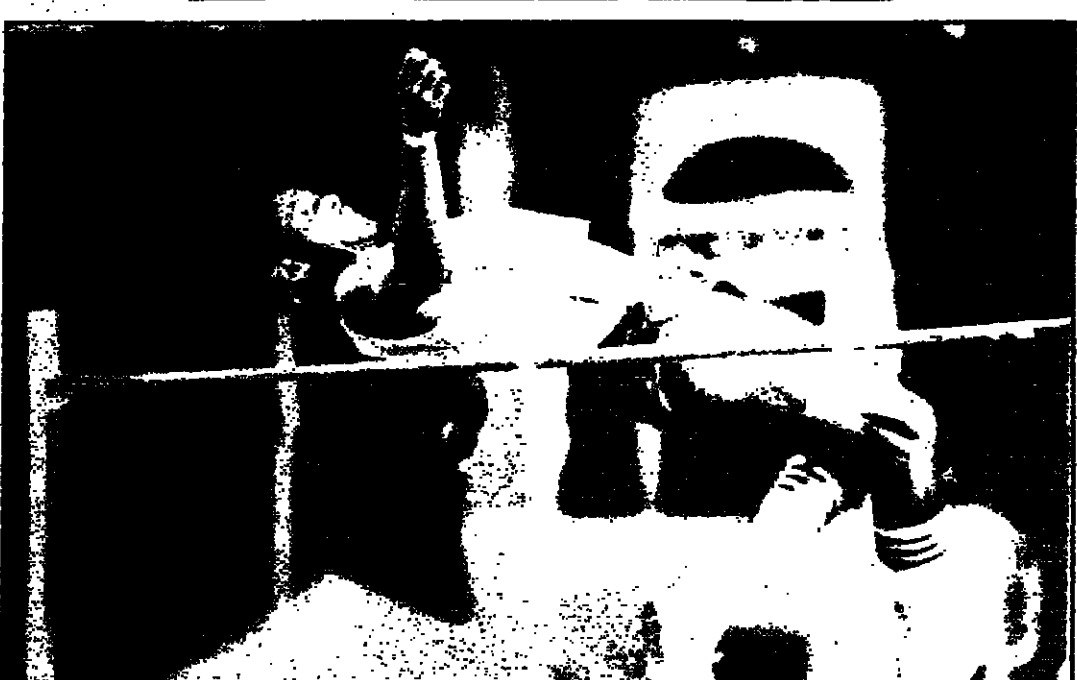
But the official, Amadeo Francis, said he would have to wait until today to receive all the forms he has to fill out because "I never expected to have to certify a world record in Puerto Rico."

Sotomayor, 21, on Saturday night broke his own previous record of 2.43 metres, set in Salamanca, Spain last September, just days before the Seoul Olympics which he was unable to attend because of the Cuban boycott.

Francis, a member of the Council of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), the sport's world governing body, told Reuters by telephone from San Juan that the biggest danger to the world record had been the celebration afterward.

Sotomayor cleared the bar on his second jump, then celebrated with what Francis called a "familiar Daley Thompson cartwheel," a reference to the British Olympic pentathlon champion, before being mobbed by his Cuban teammates and jubilant fans.

Francis said he and other officials had to form a human barrier against the crowds at San



Sotomayor clears the bar on his way to the world record. (Reuters wirephoto)

Juan's Sixto Escobar Stadium to protect the bar so it could be remeasured.

"We had one hell of a job protecting the crossbar," he said. "I was scared — we got a world record, we're gonna lose it."

The Cuban's generosity signing autographs made it difficult to get him away for a drug test, but one was taken under proper

conditions and was sent to London today, Francis said.

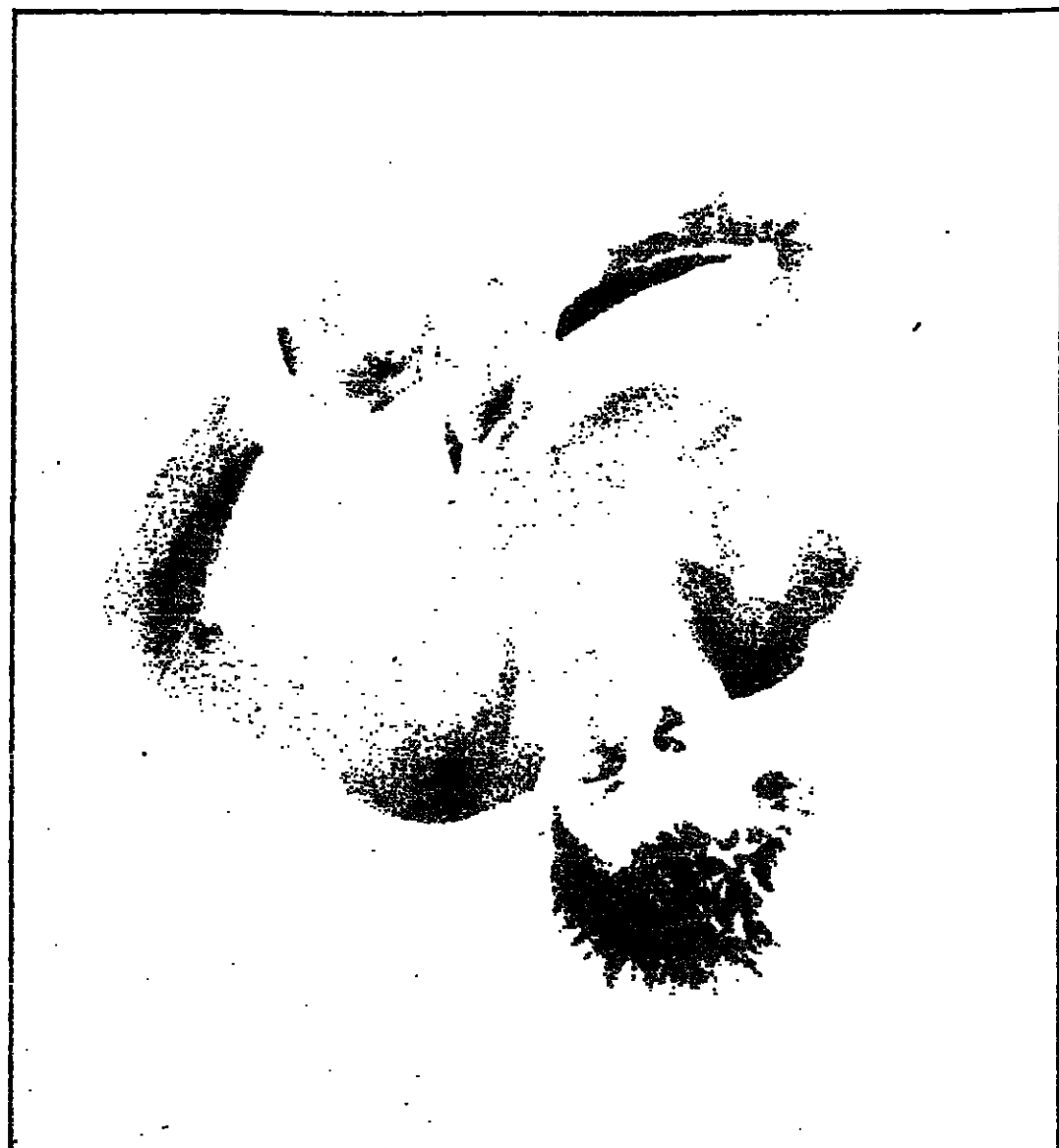
"He was mobbed by all the kids and their mothers wanting autographs. He's a nice humble kid," said Francis, who represents North America, Central America and the Caribbean on the IAAF council.

Francis said he had tried to stop Sotomayor's teammates

thunderous rhythmic clapping during the high jumper's approach run, but was told he liked it.

He must have. Sotomayor's shins barely grazed the bar, but not enough to displace it.

Asked about a report that the record might not be recognised because it was measured in imperial terms, not metrically,



Eying the water as he plummets downward, Matt Scoggin performs his final dive. (Reuters wirephoto)

Scoggin takes diving gold

Conway breaks American record

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 31, (UPI) — Olympic silver medalist Hollis Conway set an American high jump record of 7-10 on the final day of the US Olympic Festival yesterday and the economically depressed state of Oklahoma congratulated itself for successfully staging America's largest amateur athletic show.

"From a spiritually uplifting standpoint," said festival executive director Clay Bennett, "this is one of the most important things to have ever taken place in this community and this state."

And from a competitive standpoint, the festival ended on an upbeat note with Conway's effort in the high jump. Conway, a student at southwestern Louisiana, was second at the Seoul Games with a leap of 7-8 3/4 and he bested that yesterday on his first try at 7-10.

Conway then tried three times to become the second person in as many days to clear the eight-foot barrier. But he failed three times at 8-0 1/2 hitting the bar with his shoulder on all three attempts.

Cuba's Javier Sotomayor became the first man to jump eight feet at the Caribbean Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Saturday night — clearing 8-0 1/4.

"I was sluggish at the start of the competition," Conway. "But I really attacked it and I made a great jump at 7-10. It felt perfect. My confidence is building at the (eight foot) height. I know I can jump it if I put it together."

"It seems that whenever Sotomayor jumps well, I jump well immediately after. I'm a little disappointed because I wanted to be the first, to jump eight feet."

Conway's American record came just two hours before the closing ceremonies were conducted at Owen Field on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. Those ceremonies were highlighted by the appearance of country music stars and a march into the stadium by many of the 15,000 volunteers who helped put on the festival.

Shortly before the ceremonies started, however, women's all-around gymnastics gold medal winner Kim Zmeskal won one gold and two silvers in the event finals.

Zmeskal, 13, one of the leading pupils of internationally famous coach Bela Karolyi, won the floor exercise event and finished second on the balance beam and vault to enhance her reputation as a growing star on the American gymnastics scene.

Cockey Smith, meanwhile, won the women's 10-metre platform diving gold medal, Matt Scoggin captured the men's title on the platform and two-time member of the American Olympic fencing team Sharon Monplaisir emerged as champion in the women's foils.

Zmeskal's gold medal in the floor exercise yesterday was her third of the festival, added to her all-around title and the gold she received for being on the winning team. Joining her on the victory stand in the event competition were Amy Scherr on the vault, Shannon Miller on the uneven bars and Erika Stokes on the balance beam.

Scherr, another of Karolyi's students who had struggled in the all-around competition Friday night, won the vault event despite suffering from a stress fracture in her right leg.

FIFA's edict splits opinion in Europe

LONDON, July 31, (AP) — International soccer's ruling body says all World Cup games must be played before seated crowds beginning in 1992, but some countries in Europe complain that banning standing fans would be expensive and impractical.

Last week, the world soccer body FIFA ruled that no fans will be permitted to stand to watch World Cup qualifiers or final-round games leading up to 1994 competition in the United States.

Starting with the preliminaries in 1992, FIFA said, matches can be played in grounds where there is standing room, but no tickets may be sold for those areas.

Any national federation failing to meet the mandate would be punished, it added, without specifying sanctions.

FIFA's decision, aimed at improving stadium safety, was speeded up by the April 15 Hillsborough disaster. Ninety-five fans in a standing-room section of the Sheffield stadium were crushed to death at an English Cup game.

According to an Associated Press survey, however, some of Europe's national associations say FIFA's new edict is unworkable.

"I have no idea how they think this could be done," said Edgar Oberbauer, general secretary of the Swiss Football Association. "I just cannot imagine FIFA enforcing such regulations. It would be impossible."

But in Greece, some of some of Europe's worst soccer violence, National Soccer Federation vice-president Nikos Zoubogiorgos said FIFA's decision was "a step in the right direction that will obviously cut down on fan violence and overcrow-

Moses seeks tough stance on drug use

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 31, (UPI) — Olympic hurdler Edwin Moses, conducting a cross-country, anti-drug campaign that stopped off at the US Olympic festival, contends the hope of stamping out performance enhancing drugs lies in random and unlimited testing.

"We're trying to increase the amount of testing that we do on a world-wide basis," Moses said before heading to Los Angeles for yet another drug seminar.

"We want to be able to test athletes all over the world all year long. We want the athletes to know that they will be caught if they use drugs. That's the whole point of the programme, we're going to take a tough stance on drug abuse all over the world."

Moses is so sincere in his anti-drug message that he is involved in three programmes, to promote testing, including one to be introduced by the athletic congress in September.

The world-record holder in the 400-metre hurdles and two-time Olympic gold medal winner is also helping on a US-Soviet programme in which one nation tests another's athletes.

"We've sent representatives from the laboratory to the Soviet Union to calibrate their laboratory and bring them to the same standards," Moses said. "They have a particular problem where it's very difficult for them to get parts for their high-tech equipment."

"As the year closes out, we hope to have that programme completely working, and I feel that programme, is going to lead to a unified system of world-wide testing."

Obertuefer said most of Switzerland's main soccer arenas, including the 60,000-capacity national stadium in Bern, had only a small percentage of seats. Attendances would have to be cut dramatically to comply with FIFA's demands, he said.

"If they want transformation they should provide the funds," Obertuefer said.

Nowhere will the cost be greater than in Spain, which boasts some of the largest soccer stadiums in the world, many of them with vast areas for standing spectators.

"The FIFA decision is somewhat problematic," said Santiago de Julian, spokesman for the Real Madrid team.

Real's Bernabeu stadium, one of the most intimidating arenas for visiting teams, seats 58,000 out of a total capacity of 90,200.

There are plans to convert it to an all-seater and similar projects are planned at other Spanish stadiums, including FC Barcelona's Nou Camp where there are 30,000 standing places in a total of 115,000.

In Denmark, one of European soccer's hottest nations during the 1980s, officials plan to renovate the Idrætsparken stadium in Copenhagen to bring it up to FIFA requirements — but not before 1994.

At the Heysel stadium in Brussels, scene of the 1985 champions Cup disaster where 39 people died when fans of England's Liverpool team rampaged, only 25,000 places in the 65,000 capacity are seats.

In Britain, only the English national team stands to be unaffected by the new ruling.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Thompson wins

GRAND BLANC, Md., July 31. (Reuters) American Leonard Thompson, who had not won since 1977, shot a final round four-under 68 to win the 51st annual Grand Blanc Open golf tournament by a stroke over three other players yesterday.

Dutch Open

ZANDVOORT, Netherlands, July 31. (Reuters) Spain's Jose-Maria Olazabal won the Dutch Open golf tournament yesterday, beating Roman Rafferty after the longest play-off on the European tour.

Dutch player

DUNDEE, Scotland, July 31. (UPI) Dutchman Freddy van der Horst today became the third foreign soccer player to join Scottish Premier Division club Dundee United.

Title fight

LONDON, July 31. (AP) Tony Lopez of the United States will defend his International Boxing Federation world super-featherweight title against Britain's Jim McDonnell in Sacramento, California, on October 7, it was announced today.

Taiwan triumph

SEOUL, South Korea, July 31. (AP) Defending champion Taiwan won the Far East Little League baseball tournament for the fourth straight year by edging South Korea 1-0 today.

Cycling race

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, England, July 31. (AP) Dutchman Frans Maassen won the 147-mile (237-kilometre) Wincanton Classic cycling race yesterday after breaking away from the pack with five miles (8 kilometres) to go.

Beach volleyball

JESI, Italy, July 31. (AP) Beach volleyball will make its Olympic debut as a demonstration sport in Barcelona in 1992 and could become a full-fledged Olympic event in 1996, officials announced yesterday.

Scott wins

HIKONE, Japan, July 31. (UPI) American Dave Scott won the 1989 Lake Biwa Triathlon yesterday for his second title since 1985, pacing the American sweep of the top five places in the three-event "Roman" race.

DC Classic

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Nation's Cup

KINSHASA, July 31. (Reuters) Egypt secured a place in the finals of the African Nations' Cup soccer tournament with a 0-0 draw against Zaire in the second leg of a qualifying match yesterday. Egypt won the first leg 2-0.

Cup qualifier

PORT-OF-SPAIN, July 31. (Reuters) Trinidad and Tobago beat El Salvador 2-0 yesterday in a Concacaf World Cup qualifying soccer match here.

US tourney

TOKYO, July 31. (UPI) Isao Aoki, one of Japan's top pro golfers, will play in the US PGA Championship at the Kemper Lakes Golf Club, Illinois, Aug 10-13, the Japan Professional Golf Association announced today.

Swedish player

STOCKHOLM, July 31. (UPI) Swedish volleyball international Anders Lundmark has signed for Belgium club Leuven VC, Swedish newsagency TT reported today.

Games tennis

LONDON, July 31. (Reuters) Tennis, which returned to the Olympic Games last year after a 64-year absence, is almost certain to win its case to be part of the 1992 Barcelona Games when Olympic chiefs meet in August, officials sources said today.

Brazil thrash Venezuela in Cup qualifier

CARACAS, July 31. (Reuters) Brazil beat Venezuela 4-0 yesterday in the first South American Group Three qualifying match for the 1990 World Cup, to be held in Italy.

A strong shot by Branco opened the score after just five minutes. In the second half a quick succession of goals by

Romario (68th minute) and Bebeto (80th and 81st) ended Venezuela's hopes of victory.

Venezuela played with great enthusiasm but did not have the technical skills to match the visitors. Brazil, reaching every World Cup final since 1930, won the Jules Rimet Cup in 1958, 1962

and 1970.

Venezuelan goalkeeper Cesar Baena put up a strong defence against some well-placed shots and fended off what could have been a much worse defeat before a capacity crowd of 16,000.

Venezuela will face Chile in another Group Three qualifier here on August 6.

Venezuela: Baena, Pacheco, Acosta, Morovic, Betancourt, Rivas, Cavallo, Anor (Carrero) Fernandez, Maldonado, Febles (Arreaza).

Brazil: Taffarel, Mazinho, Galbao, Aldair, Branco (Josimar) Dunga, Ricardo, Baldo, Bebeto, Careca (Silas), Romario.

England pray for rain

Last chance to save the Ashes



Australian batsman Geoffrey Lawson's stumps go flying as he is clean bowled by Angus Fraser of England. (Reuters wirephoto)

MANCHESTER, England, July 31. (Reuters) England were left praying for rain as their last chance to save the Ashes after yet another dismal batting performance against Australia in the fourth cricket Test at Old Trafford today.

Captain David Gower's beleaguered side slumped from one disaster to another on the fourth day with only a late recovery by Jack Russell and John Emburey together with heavy rain preventing Australia taking a winning 3-0 lead in the six-match series.

Rain prevented any play in the final session leaving England on 123 for six at the close, still 64 runs short of avoiding an innings defeat.

Russell and Emburey were unbeaten on 47 and 23 respectively after 90 minutes' spirited resistance. But the damage was done long before as England's much-criticised batsmen capitulated.

England collapsed to 28 for four and then 59 for six soon after lunch before Russell and Emburey shared an unbroken seventh wicket stand of 64 to offer a glimmer of hope.

England needed a solid start after Australia's last pair of Geoff Lawson and Terry Alderman had taken the touring side's first innings total to 447 — a lead of 187.

But Tim Curtis departed for a duck in only the second over when he edged a catch to David Boon at short leg off Alderman and three wickets then fell in successive overs.

Robinson was trapped lbw to Lawson for 12, first innings hero Robin Smith tickled a leg-side catch to wicketkeeper Ian Healy off Alderman and Gooch was caught at first slip off Lawson as England slithered towards defeat.

Gower, under pressure to quit as captain, saw his side's hopes plummet further when Ian Botham went lbw for four pushing defensively at Alderman and joined the procession back to the pavilion two overs after lunch. Having made 15, he carved at a ball outside off stump from Lawson but only succeeded in giving Geoff Marsh a catch at gully.

Tomorrow's forecast is for continuing overcast conditions but no rain.

Scoreboard
ENGLAND first innings 260 (R. Smith 143, G. Lawson six for 72, T. Hobbs three for 55).
M. Taylor at Russell b Emburey 85
G. Marsh c Russell b Botham 47
D. Boon b Fraser 12
A. Border c Russell b Foster 80
D. Jones b Botham 69
S. Waugh c Curtis b Fraser 92
I. Healy lbw b Foster 0
T. Curtis c Gower b Cook 17
T. Robinson lbw b Lawson 12
R. Smith c Healy b Alderman 1
D. Gower c Marsh b Lawson 15
V. Botham lbw b Alderman 4
R. Russell not out 47
J. Emburey not out 23
Extras (lb-3 w-2 nb-3) 23
TOTAL (for six wickets) 123-close
Fall of wickets: 1-135 2-143 3-154 4-274 5-362 6-363 7-413 8-423 9-423.
Bowling: Foster 34-12-74-2, Fraser 36-5-4-95-3, Emburey 45-9-118-1, Cook 28-6-85-2, Botham 24-8-63-2.

ENGLAND second innings
G. Gooch c Alderman b Lawson 13
T. Robinson lbw b Alderman 12
R. Smith c Healy b Alderman 1
D. Gower c Marsh b Lawson 15
V. Botham lbw b Alderman 4
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Extras (lb-3 w-2 nb-3) 23
TOTAL (for six wickets) 123-close
Fall of wickets: 1-10 2-25 3-27 4-28 5-38 6-58.
Bowling: Lawson 17-4-46-3, Alderman 13-1-38-3, Hobbs 12-8-11-0, Hughes 5-0-22-0, Border 3-1-3-0.

Notts defeat Essex again

Curran fails to save Gloucester

LONDON, July 31. (Reuters) Zimbabwean Kevin Curran grabbed a hat-trick then hit a half century but still finished on the losing side as Warwickshire beat Gloucestershire by 18 runs in their Sunday League match.

Curran followed his three consecutive wickets in his final over with a spirited 54 in a match shortened by rain from 40 to 24 overs.

But despite his efforts Gloucestershire could manage only 144 for eight in reply to the home side's 162 for five.

Former West Indies captain Alvin Kalicharran top scored with 76 for Warwickshire before he became the first of Curran's hat-trick victims.

League leaders Essex slumped to a nine-run defeat by Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge just two weeks after losing the Benson and Hedges final to the same county at Lord's.

Nottinghamshire's 38-year-old former England batsman Derek Randall continued his recent effervescent form with 70 not out from only 56 deliveries, including five sixes and five fours.

Notts reached 197 for four from 37 overs and Essex, after two interruptions for rain, were set a reduced target of 123 off 23 overs.

Paceman Kevin Saxelby put paid to their victory hopes with

five for 36 as Essex slumped to 113 all out off 22.4 overs.

Results

At Swansea: Glamorgan beat Hampshire by 37 runs. Glamorgan 193 for nine (R. Shastri 60, H. Morris 49, P. Baker three for 31). Hampshire 156 in 35.3 overs (M. Nicholas 52, I. Smith three for 22). Glamorgan four points.

At Derby: Derbyshire beat Surrey by four wickets. Surrey 125 in 39.4 overs (D. Malcott four for 21, S. Baze three for 24). Derbyshire 127 for six in 32.5 overs (M. Bicknell three for 14). Derbyshire four points.

At Lord's: Middlesex beat Leicestershire by six wickets. Leicestershire 95 for nine (M. Williams three for 19). Middlesex 96 for four off 28 overs. Middlesex four points.

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Kent by seven wickets. Kent 123 for eight (M. Hinks 45, T. Ward 41, R. Illingworth three for 18). Worcestershire four points.

Worcestershire 126 for three in 20.4 overs (S. Rhodes 48 not out). Worcestershire four points.

At Northampton: Somerset beat Northamptonshire by three wickets. Northamptonshire 150 in 39.1 overs (D. Wild 54, G. Rose three for 31, A. Jones three for 37). Somerset 152 for seven in 37.5 overs (G. Rose 61 not out, D. Capel three for 20). Somerset four points.

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire beat Gloucestershire by 18 runs. Warwickshire 162 for five in 24 overs (A. Kalicharran 76, P. Smith 61). Gloucestershire 144 for eight (K. Curran 54, M. Alleyne 41 not out). Warwickshire four points.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire beat Essex by nine runs. Nottinghamshire 197 for four in 37 overs (D. Randall 70 not out, M. Newell 47). Essex, after stoppages, were set 123 to win off 23 overs. Essex 113 in 22.4 overs (N. Hussain 41, K. Saxelby five for 36, F. Stephenson three for 38). Nottinghamshire four points.

Maynard ponders S. African offer

LONDON, July 31. (Reuters) Glamorgan batsman Matthew Maynard has been urged by British Sports Minister Colin Moynihan not to accept a reported £120,000 (\$200,000) offer to join a rebel tour of South Africa later this year.

Maynard, voted England's Young Cricketer of the Year in 1988, admitted he had received an approach to tour the republic and described the two-year deal as very tempting.

He has received a letter sounding out his availability for England's tour of the West Indies but is not confident of selection follow-

ing some disappointing performances this season.

Moynihan said: "My advice to any cricketer is not to go whatever the money. The implications go far beyond cricket. All British sports could be hit as well as the Commonwealth Games in Auckland next year."

Maynard, 23, said today he would make up his mind within the next few days. If he accepts the South African offer, he will be banned from Test cricket for four years.



Matthew Maynard

Senna shrugs off rumours of retirement

Mansell believes Ferrari will win another race

But Senna, whose form and behaviour had recently seemed erratic, strongly refuted all suggestions he was ready to give up his racing career yesterday by firstly saying so and secondly demonstrating he had an undiminished hunger for victory.

The way in which he recovered from the loss of his early lead through an overlong pit-stop to storm back, cutting into Prost's

advantage with a series of best laps, and then regain the ascendancy with three laps to go was the stuff of which champions are truly made.

"I have made a commitment to McLaren for next year and they have put their trust in me with Alain leaving," he said before the race.

Afterwards, he said: I came out and had to chase Alain, which was the opposite to the

first part of the race, and it was very exciting.

"My first place makes the championship much more interesting. We have a long way to go to the end of the year and I am sure it is going to be a big fight."

Prost, chasing his third world title, leads by 17 points, but Senna, after his fourth win in this season's nine races, now seems to be back on course.

"A few weeks ago in Canada I was leading by about 40 seconds with only few laps to go ... and I lost," said Senna. "A lot of things can happen, you know. You can never tell."

Briton Nigel Mansell, who finished a comfortable if distant third in his Ferrari yesterday, was also looking ahead hopefully after the race.

"We have proved we have got consistency with two seconds and a third," he said. "Now we must work even harder to be more competitive than we were."

"I believe Ferrari will win another race this season whether it be Gerhard (Berger) or me who wins — and we can put extra pressure on the McLarens. It will be very close in Hun-

gary, I think, in two weeks time. There are more corners there and we have a good engine and a good chassis and that will help us."

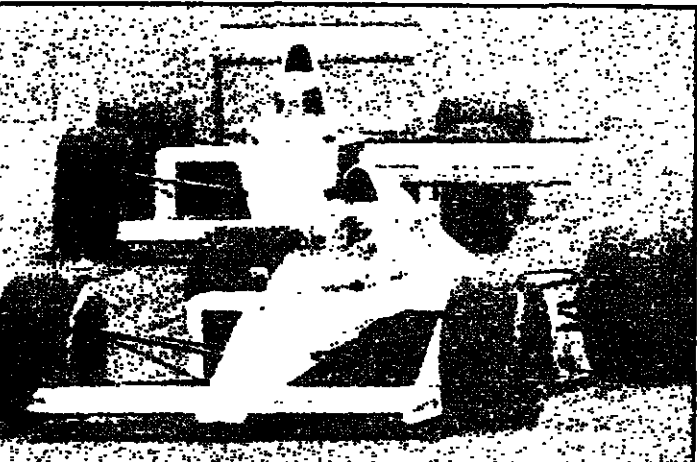
Most neutrals will be hoping Mansell is right as the prospect of a second successive two-car race for the championship between Prost and Senna is not something to relish.

In the last 25 races, McLaren have won 22 (Prost 10 and Senna 12), while Ferrari have triumphed twice (Berger once and Mansell once) and Williams (Thierry Boutsen) once.

Lotus, for whom Brazilian Nelson Piquet finished in the points for the third time in four races, were the last team outside those three to win — their last coming from Senna in 1987.

Their mid-season improvement and recent management upheaval has raised hopes they will be back on the victor's rostrum again next year.

"That's where we are aiming," said 66-year-old Tony Rudd, who has taken temporary charge of the team following the departures of chairman Fred Bushell and managing director Peter Warr.



Senna leads Prost during the race. (Reuters wirephoto)



Youth soccer tournament

Former Brazilian soccer hero Pele, surrounded by young fans, signs autographs when he put in an appearance at the opening of the 17th Norway Cup in Oslo. The tournament is the world's biggest youth soccer tournament. Pele, now 49, kicked off the Cosmos Dynamo Kiev versus Uil-Kisa game for boys under 13 years. Dynamo, the first Soviet entered in this event since 1972, won 2-0. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mic and Mac shine in West Germany

MUNICH, West Germany, July 31. (Reuters) Many Bayern Munich fans cannot pronounce their names correctly yet, but new signings Sean Alan McNally and Yugoslav Radmilo Mihailovic quickly found Bavarian friends with impressive debuts on the first day of the Bundesliga.

Mihailovic and McNally, nicknamed "Mic and Mac" to stop Bayern supporters choking over their pre-match beer and bratwurst, hit three goals in the reigning League champions' 3-2 home win over Nuremberg.

McNally, signed from English club Aston Villa, scored the first in the 30th and 46th minutes before the former Dynamo Zagreb and snatched victory in the last minute. "He is a real fireball," coach Jupp Heynckes said of McNally.

Last season's runners up Cologne started well with a 1-0 away win over Bochum thanks to a 58th minute penalty from striker Uwe Rabat. French champions Marseille had to struggle hard at home to beat Nantes 1-0 on Saturday with goalkeeper Gaetan Huard saving a penalty from Yugoslav Dragan Yacovljevic.

The result kept Briton Chris Waddle's new club on their own at the top of the table with two wins from two games.

Waddle, still not fit, played for the last 10 minutes, while French international Jean-Pierre Papin, who strained his thigh last Saturday, had to be replaced by Carmelo Micicic after an hour.

Marseille's president Bernard Tapie has a week left before the official closing of transfers. According to Tapie, former Maitra Racing Uruguay international striker Enzo Francescoli and Brazilian Bebeto are the main targets.

Bordeaux scored a handsome 4-0 home win against Racing Paris to take the second place behind Marseille, West German international Klaus Allofs scoring his first goal for Bordeaux.

Weakened by the absence of injured Britons Glenn Hoddle and Mark Hateley, Monaco still managed to beat Sochaux 2-1.

WASHINGTON, July 31. (AP) Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose said he placed bets with an illegal bookmaker "more as a convenience than anything," a newspaper reported yesterday.

"I would love, if I bet on 'Monday night football, to be close to Vegas where I could do it legally," the Cincinnati Reds manager is quoted as saying in yesterday's editions of the Washington Post.

Asked by the Post if betting with an illegal bookie is wrong, Rose said:

"If I'm not mistaken, there's a lot of money bet through bookmaking. So I'm not the only one who's doing something wrong."

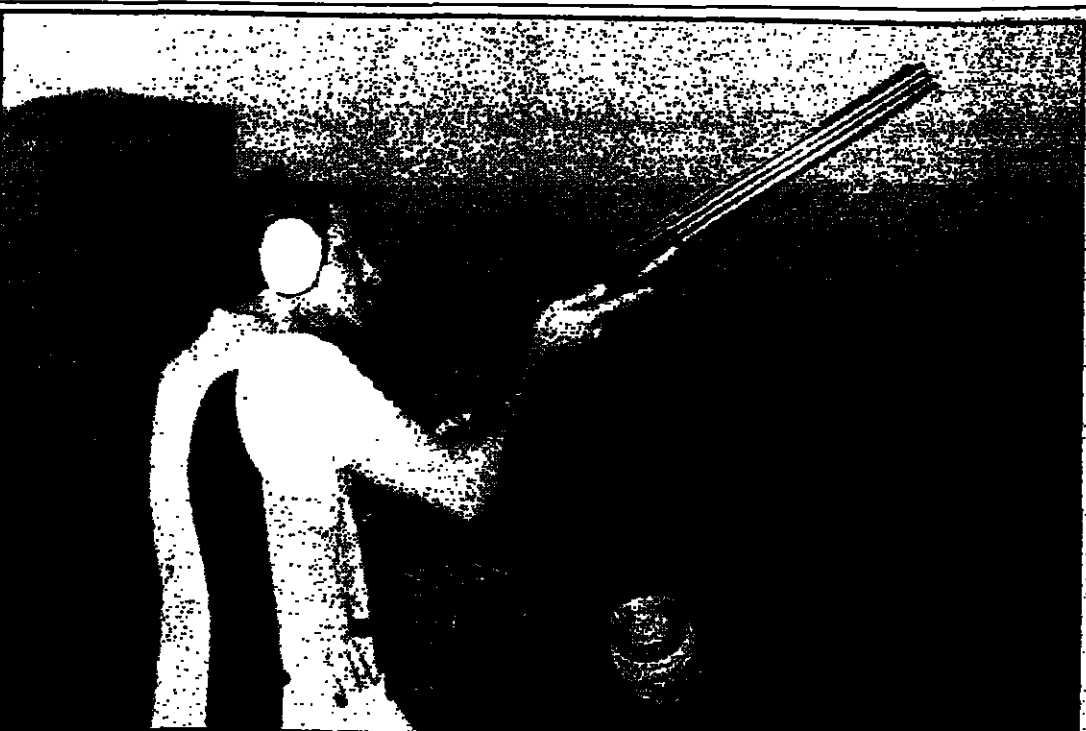
Meanwhile, a federal judge must decide whether the Cincinnati Reds are participants or

spectators in Rose's legal fight.

US district judge John D. Holschuh was to decide today whether the federal courts or a judge in Cincinnati should handle Rose's lawsuit against baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti.

For more than a month, Rose's legal actions have kept the commissioner from deciding whether Rose bet on his own team — an offense that carries a possible lifetime ban. The question of which court hears Rose's case is pivotal.

Baseball wants the case in federal court, where judges previously have upheld the sweeping powers of the commissioner. Rose wants it kept in Hamilton County common pleas court.



Kuwait wins shooting championship

Kuwait won the team title at the Damascus International Shooting Championship, held in Syria over the weekend. Kuwait also did well in the individual event with Salah Al Mutari (above) taking the silver medal. Some Kuwaiti marksmen also improved their personal best scores. Al Mutari got 193 points while Nayef Al Dihani and Abdullah Al Tariqi collected 191 points each. The previous bests of all these three shooters was 181. The team returned to Kuwait yesterday and was received at the airport by the head of the shooting committee at the Kuwait Olympic Committee, Sheikh Salman Al Sabah and other officials.

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